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THE GRAND CHAPTER

OF

Royal Arch Masons,

OF CANADA,

At an Especial Convocation, held at Kingston, on the 12th July, A. I., 2389, A. D., 1859,

AS ALSO OF THE

THIRD ANNUAL CONVOCATION, HELD AT THE CITY OF HAMILTON, C. W.

On Wednesday, the 8th day of February, A.I. 2860, A.D., 1860.

Ordered to be Read in all Chapters and Preserved.

ADDRESS:
THOMAS DOUGLAS HARINGTON, QUEBEC, GRAND Z.
THOMAS BIRD HARRIS, HAMILTON, G. SCRIBE, E.

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PROCEEDINGS

At an Especial Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, held at the Masonic Hall, in the City of Kingston, on Thursday, the 12th Day of July, A.D., 1859.

PRESENT.

M. E. Comp. T. Douglas Harington, Grand Z.
" " Thompson Wilson, as " H.
" " W. Mercer Wilson, as " J.
on the Throne.
R. E. " Thomas Bird Harris, Grand Scribe E.
" " Samuel B. Harman, " " N.
" " Alfred Campbell, " Principal Sojourner.
V. E. " E. J. Barker, as " 1st Assist. "
" " Joseph Jackes, as " 2nd " "
" " S. B. Campbell, as " Dir. of Ceremonies.
" " Jeremiah Taylor, " Pursuivant.
" T. McMullin, " Janitor.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

R. E. " Francis Richardson, Toronto District.
" " John Charles Franck, Central "

A constitutional number of Chapters being represented, the Grand Chapter was opened in Ample form.

The Grand Scribes having examined the Register reported the following representatives of regularly chartered Chapters present whom they recommend to be admitted, and to take part in the proceedings of Grand Chapter.

No. 1. ANCIENT FRONTENAC CHAPTER, KINGSTON.

R. E. Comp. S. D. Fowler, G. H., P. Z.
" " " James A. Henderson, G. Reg., P. Z.
" " " Geo. F. La Serre, G. Steward, P. Z.
" " John Kerr, Z.
" " Wm. Fergusson.
" Thomas Gunham.

No. 2. THE HIRAM CHAPTER, HAMILTON.

M. E. Companion Wm. M. Wilson, P. G. Z.

No. 3. ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, LONDON.

V. E. Companion John Keary, G. Steward, J.

No. 4. ST. ANDREW'S CHAPTER, TORONTO.

R. E. Companion Francis Richardson, G. Supt., P. Z.
" " " S. B. Harman, G. S. N., Z.
M. E. " T. Douglas Harington, G. Z.

No. 5. ST. GEORGE'S CHAPTER, LONDON.

M. E. Companion T. Wilson, P. G. Z., Z.

No. 6. ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, HAMILTON.

R. E. Companion Thos. Bird Harris, G. S. E., Z.

No. 7. MOIRA CHAPTER, BELLEVILLE.

R. E. Companion J. C. Franck, G. Supt., P. Z.
" " Companion Alfred Campbell, G. P. S., Z.

No. 8. KING SOLOMON'S CHAPTER, TORONTO.

V. E. Companion S. B. Campbell, P. G. D. of C., Z.

UD. WILSON CHAPTER, WINDSOR.

E. Companion C. Mott, J.

AFF. CATARAQUI CHAPTER, KINGSTON.

E. Companion Thomas J. Angel, Z.
" " E. J. Barker, J.

AFF. INDEPENDENT CHAPTER, QUEBEC.

E. Companion Denis Gale, Z.

On motion the report from the Grand Scribes was received and adopted.

The M. E. Grand Z. informed the Grand Chapter that he had convened this meeting for the purpose of receiving the report of the Committee appointed at the last annual convocation on "Work."

R. E. Comp. S. B. Harman on behalf of that Committee proceeded with the exemplification of the Royal Arch Degree.

It was moved by V. E. Companion S. B. Campbell, seconded by V. E. Companion John Keary and unanimously adopted,—

That the ritual for the working of the Royal Arch Degree as now exemplified be the authorized work as recognized by this Grand Chapter.

It was moved by R. E. Companion J. C. Franck, seconded by R. E. Companion Thos. B. Harris, and unanimously adopted,—

That the thanks of this Grand Chapter are justly due and are hereby tendered to the Committee on *work* for the very satisfactory manner in which they have completed their labors.

The Grand Scribe E. submitted and read the following letter which he had received from the Grand Scribe E, of the Supreme, Grand Royal Arch Chapter of England, in answer to the *address* which had been forwarded, desiring recognition.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W. C.,
June 16th, 1859.

Excellent Companion:

The Address of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada to the Supreme Grand Chapter of England was, agreeably to the request contained in your letter of the 22nd March last, laid before the Convocation which was held in May, when it was decided that the matter should be referred to the Three Grand Principals, by whom the same has accordingly been taken into consideration.

I am directed by them to state in answer to the Address, that with every desire to preserve friendly and fraternal intercourse with the Canadian Masons of every degree, they feel that they cannot, consistently with their duty, entertain official relations with a Body which holds, as essential to admission within its pale,

the possession of Degrees which are not recognized by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Chapter of England.

I have the honor to be,
Excellent Companion,
Fraternally yours,

WM. GRAY CLARKE,
G. S. E.

THOS. B. HARRIS, ESQ.,
Grand Scribe E.,
Grand Chapter of Canada,
Hamilton, C. W.

On motion of M. E. Companion Thompson Wilson, seconded by R. E. Companion S. B. Harman, it was Resolved,—

That the Grand Principals be empowered to correspond with the Grand Principals of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, on the subject of the objections alluded to in the above letter.

The labors of the Grand Chapter being finished, it was closed in Ample form with solemn prayer.

[ATTEST.]

Thos. B. Harris

G. S. E.

PROCEEDINGS

At the Third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, held in the Masonic Hall, in the City of Hamilton, on Wednesday, the 8th day of February, A.D., 1860.

PRESENT:

M. E.	Companion	Thompson Wilson, as	Grand	Z.
R. "	"	Thomas Duggan, as	"	H.
" "	"	Francis Richardson, as on the Throne.	"	Z.
R. E.	"	Thomas Bird Harris,	Grand	Scribe E.
" "	"	Samuel B. Harman,	"	Scribe N.
" "	"	William Bellhouse,	"	Treasurer.
" "	"	Edwin Heathfield, as	"	Princ. Soj.
" "	"	William Pardey, as	"	1st Asst. Soj.
" "	"	William R. Harris, as	"	2nd Asst. "
V. "	"	M. F. Shaler,	"	Sword Bearer.
" "	"	Jeremiah Taylor,	"	Pursuivant.
	"	John Morrison,	"	Janitor.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

R. E.	Companion	Francis Richardson,	Toronto District.
" "	"	John C. Franck,	Central "

R. E. Companion Kivas Tully, Representative of the Grand Chapter of Ireland.

A constitutional member of Chapters being represented, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada was opened in Ample form.

The Grand Scribes, E. and N., having examined the Register, reported the following Representatives of regularly warranted Chapters, also the proxies of Chapters under Dispensation present, and recommend that they be admitted and take part in the proceedings of Grand Chapter.

No. 2. THE HIRAM CHAPTER, HAMILTON.

M. E. Companion William M. Wilson, P. G. Z.
R. " " Thomas Duggan, P. G. H., P. Z.
" " " William Bellhouse, G. Treas., Z.
V. " " Jeremiah Taylor, H.
" " James M. Rogerson, J.
" G. W. Whitehead.

No. 3. ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, LONDON.

E. Companion Edwin Heathfield, Z.

No. 4. ST. ANDREW'S CHAPTER, TORONTO.

R. E. Companion Samuel B. Harman, G.S.N., Z.
" " " Francis Richardson, G. Supt., P. Z.
" " William H. Pardey, H.
" " William R. Harris, J.

No. 5. ST. GEORGE'S CHAPTER, LONDON.

M. E. Companion Thompson Wilson, P. G. Z., Z.

No. 6. ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, HAMILTON.

R. E. Companion Thomas B. Harris, G. S. E., P. Z.
V. " " M. F. Shaler, G. S. B., H.

No. 7. MORIA CHAPTER, BELLEVILLE.

R. E. Companion John C. Franck, G. Supt., P. Z.

No. 8. KING SOLOMON'S CHAPTER, TORONTO.

R. E. Companion Kivas Tully, G. Rep., P. Z.
" " " Francis Richardson, G. Supt. (Proxy.)

UD. WILSON CHAPTER, WINDSOR.

M. E. Companion Thompson Wilson, P. G. Z. (Proxy.)

AFF. CATARAQUI CHAPTER, KINGSTON.

R. E. Companion Thos. B. Harris, G.S.E. (proxy.)

UD. WAWANOSH CHAPTER, SARNIA.

M. E. Companion T. Wilson, P.G.Z. (proxy.)

The report from the Grand Scribes was received and on motion adopted.

The Grand Scribe E, read the rules and regulations for the government of the Grand Chapter.

The minutes of the last Annual Convocaion, held at the City of London, on the 16th day of February, A. D., 1859, also of an Especial Convocation held at the City of Kingston, on the 12th day of July, A.D., 1859, were read, and on motion confirmed.

It was, after due consideration, decided for all future time to be a regulation of this Grand Chapter,—

That the confirmation of minutes be held to mean that its proceedings have been correctly transcribed, and when so recorded must be confirmed.

The Grand Scribe E, submitted a letter he had received from the M. E. Grand Z, expressing regret that circumstances of an unavoidable nature precluded the possibility of his being present to preside over this Grand Convocation, and begged to have submitted the following Address and correspondence on matters of importance for the consideration of the Grand Chapter.

ADDRESS.

Companions:

I regret most sincerely that it is out of my power to preside at the present Convocation. I am sorry both officially and personally, for I very much wished to have assisted in your deliberations, and exchanged those personal and social acts of friendship, which are so well calculated to bind the human family more closely together, and alleviate the pain of subsequent separation.

Stationed, however, as I am at this almost remote end of Canada, with the means of communication liable, on any day, to be seriously interrupted at this season of the year, and having important duties to attend to, which, just now, especially claim my time as a Public Servant of the Province, and which cannot be put aside, I am obliged, much against my inclination, in this manner to bring before your notice such matters as I deem interesting, and with which it is my duty to make you acquainted.

The *condition* of our *Order*, since our last meeting, has been one of increasing prosperity. I have granted *four Dispensations* for *new Chapters*, viz:—

Wilson, R. A. C., Windsor,
Bedford District, R. A. C., Dunham,
Wawanosh, " Sarnia,
Carleton, " Ottawa,

The applications for which were duly recommended by the respective District Grand Superintendents, and I trust that Grand Chapter will confirm my Dispensations, and grant Warrants of Constitution to the petitioners.

Two Chapters, hailing under the Registry of Ireland, have *affiliated* during the past year, viz:—

Cataraqui, R. A. C., Kingston,
Independent, " Quebec,

At this period, consequently, there are *seventeen Chapters*, hailing from and acknowledging the authority of the Grand Chapter of Canada, and there are, I am told, grounds for believing that this number will materially increase during the current year; but the reports of the District Grand Superintendents, required to be rendered annually, will, I trust, give a more clear view of the State of Royal Arch Masonry in their several Districts; while the returns made by the respective Chapters will afford you statistical information as to their individual condition.

ENGLAND.

It is with real pleasure I am able to state that our recognition by the *Supreme Grand Chapter of England* is so far ratified, that some simple points, relating to the intermediate Degrees, and their effect on the privileges of English Royal Arch Masons, only require to be cleared up to the satisfaction of the Grand Principals. I have sent the most full information to the Grand Scribe E, in London, and feel sure that no long time will elapse before the Grand Chapter of England and ourselves will be united by the most fraternal and cordial bonds of fellowship and communion. The Grand Scribe E, will presently read the correspondence to you, and I recommend that it be spread on our Minutes for publication, with other proceedings of Grand Chapter.

SCOTLAND.

Our recognition by the *Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland*, I am happy to report, is complete, as the following very gratifying communication will prove to you.

(Copy.) "EDINBURGH, 30th June, 1859.

"To the Most Excellent the Grand Principals, Office Bearers, and Companions of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada,—

GREETING:

"We, the Chairman of Committee and Scribe E. of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, as authorized by the minutes of meeting held on Wednesday, 15th inst., beg leave to acknowledge receipt of an Address then laid before this Chapter from the Supreme Grand Chapter of Canada, wherein, after detailing the grounds on which it was considered necessary to institute a controlling power in that Province over Royal Arch Masonry and the happy accomplishment of their object, they proffer the right hand of fellowship and desire fraternal recognition.

"We are, at same time, commanded to express the gratification which it affords this Grand Chapter to be favored with a communication so much in unison with that spirit which it is fitting and becoming the head of Royal Arch Masonry in one country to evince towards that of another, tending as it is thought, in no small degree, not only to the prosperity of the Bodies under separate control, but to the advancement of the Order in general. We have further the satisfaction of expressing the delight which it gives the Grand Chapter to accept of the fellowship tendered them in the Address now under acknowledgement, and also the pleasure, which, by the mutual recognition of each other, it is anticipated will follow their efforts in co-operating with the Supreme Grand Chapter of Canada in any measure calculated to enhance the dignity or promote the usefulness of the two Grand Bodies.

"In the name and by the appointment of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, and the Seal of the same, caused to be affixed this thirteenth day of June, A.D., 1859, A. L., 5863.

(Signed.) "P. COWAN, *Chairman of Committee.*
" "WM. GAYNOR, *Grand Scribe E.*"

Before, however, I leave Scotland for other countries in like amity with us, I regret to state that I have received intimation of a chapter on the registry of Scotland, exalting candidates in a spirit of rivalry, and with the avowed purpose of opening a Royal Arch Chapter at Whitby, not to be under the control of the Grand Chapter of Canada. I need hardly point out that Scotland, having fully and handsomely recognized the authority of the latter, has virtually surrendered all her former power in Canada, except over such of her Chapters, as were in existence at the time of recogni-

tion, and can grant no fresh Charters. If, therefore, individuals hailing from *any new Chapters* in this Province, except constituted by the Grand Chapter of Canada, present themselves at your portals, it will be your strict duty to *refuse them admittance*, and *hold no companionship* with them. I shall communicate what I have heard to the Grand Chapter of Scotland without loss of time.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Copies of the *Proceedings* of the *Grand Chapters* of—

Connecticut, California, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Maine, North Carolina, New York, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Ohio, South Carolina, Virginia, Vermont and Wisconsin, have been received during the past year, and, as our Constitution does not specially provide for the appointment of a committee on foreign correspondence, I shall notice them briefly in my present Address.

The contents are of varied interest, and will well repay perusal, but being principally applicable to their several localities, it is unnecessary to make lengthy quotations therefrom. They are important and valuable, as evincing, by their transmission, the kindly encouragement and brotherly feeling of the Grand Chapters of the United States towards our young, but healthy Body. The great questions of all the communications appear to have been—*Uniformity of Work*—and that relating to the connection existing between State Grand Chapters and the *General Grand Chapter* of the *United States*, and the propriety of dissolving the said connection. Our tried friend "*Vermont*" says on this subject,—"After a careful perusal of twenty-five pamphlets, varying from sixty to two hundred pages each, your Committee find fewer topics of general interest than was anticipated, owing probably to the all-absorbing interest excited by the question of the General Grand Chapter."

CONNECTICUT.

(*Meets in May.*)

Reports No. of Chapters, 27—Exaltations, 155—Members, 1670. Acknowledges Proceedings of Grand Chapter of Canada.

CALIFORNIA.

(*Meets in May.*)

Reports No. of Chapters, 24—Exaltations, 227—Members, 911. And the Committee on foreign correspondence state,—"That all the Grand Chapters of the United States, with the exception of three, besides this Grand Chapter, have recognized

the Grand Chapter of Canada, and being in such matters in favor of being guided by the expression of the majority, they recommend that said Grand Chapter be recognized by this Grand Chapter." *And it was Resolved,*—"that this Grand Chapter cordially recognizes the Grand Chapter of Canada, and extends to it a welcome into the confederation of Grand Chapters."

ILLINOIS.

(*Meets in September.*)

Reports No. of Chapters, 57—Exaltations, 355—Members, 1752. Acknowledges Proceedings of Grand Chapter of Canada, and says:—"One thing is exceedingly gratifying in Canadian Masonry, that is, the almost universal kindness and fraternal feeling and spirit pervading all their proceedings and correspondence, whether in a state of agreement or disagreement."

INDIANA.

(*Meets in May.*)

Reports No. of Chapters, 42—Exaltations, 168—Members, 1391. Publishes no report on foreign correspondence.

KENTUCKY.

(*Meets in October.*)

Reports No. of Chapters, 76—Exaltations, 227—Members, 1890. Acknowledges Proceedings of Grand Chapter of Canada, and *Resolved,*—"that this Grand Chapter hails, with delight its formation, and fraternally welcomes it as such."

LOUISIANA.

(*Meets in February.*)

Reports No. of Chapters, 25—Exaltations, 86—Members, 682. The Grand Chapter of Canada is not mentioned, except in a note, to the effect, that no exchanges have been received from it.

MISSOURI.

(*Meets in May.*)

Reports No. of Chapters, 27—Exaltations, 86—Members, 703. Publishes extracts from the Proceedings of Grand Chapter of Canada. The Grand High Priest, in his Address, calls attention to the prevalence of *profane swearing* and *intoxication*, and calls upon the Companions to seek out and effectually apply a remedy against those vices, that Royal Arch Masonry may not be dishonored, and, in conclusion, he asks the following very pertinent

questions—" Have we tried to perform our masonic duties as we should? Have we, by friendly, kind and brotherly advice, tried to bring back our erring Brother to the path of duty? Have we tried to dispense true masonic light and knowledge as far as we could? Have we thrown the mantle of charity over the foibles and faults of our Companions, or have we blazoned them to the world? Have we spoken kindly to our Brother's face and unkindly behind his back? It is well for us to think of these things and make ourselves practical as well as professed masons."

MISSISSIPPI.

(*Meets in January.*)

Reports No. of Chapters, 70—Exaltations, 265—Members, 2123. Publishes no report on foreign correspondence.

MAINE.

(*Meets in May.*)

Reports No. of Chapters, 9—Exaltations, 37—Members, 538. Acknowledges Proceedings of Grand Chapter of Canada.

NORTH CAROLINA.

(*Meets in June.*)

Reports No. of Chapters, 31—Exaltations, 17—Members, 894. Acknowledges proceedings of Grand Chapter of Canada, and the committee report as follows:—" We delayed extending the right hand of fellowship, until we could be in possession of information affording some assurance that we, by our recognition, were not encouraging 'insubordination or resistance' to the legal authority of a foreign jurisdiction. We now learn that the Grand Lodge of England has virtually relinquished her claims by the formal acknowledgement of the independence of the Grand Lodge of Canada; and she not claiming jurisdiction over the Royal Arch and the appendant Degrees, we see no reason for withholding masonic fellowship; and we recommend that this Grand Chapter extend to her a cordial recognition, and welcome her into the ranks of independent Grand Chapters, with a true fraternal feeling."

NEW YORK.

(*Meets in February.*)

Reports No. of Chapters, 168—Exaltations, 567—Members, 3711. The only reference to the Grand Chapter of Canada relates to its official recognition by the several Grand Chapters of the United States.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

(*Meets in June.*)

Reports No. of Chapters, 7—Exaltations, 61—Members, 245. Acknowledges Proceedings of Grand Chapter of Canada.

NEW JERSEY.

(*Meets in September.*)

Reports No. of Chapters, 8—Exaltations (no correct return) —Members, 277. The Proceedings extend from its organization in December, 1856, to September, 1859. On motion the following Resolutions were adopted. "*Whereas* the Grand Chapter of the State of New Jersey has heard with great satisfaction of the regular formation and organization of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada. *Resolved*,—That we cordially welcome them into the Sisterhood of Grand Chapters, and extend to them our fraternal recognition and the right hand of fellowship. *Resolved*, That the usual correspondence and intercourse be opened with the same, and that the Grand Secretary be instructed to communicate a copy of these Proceedings to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada, duly authenticated by the Seal of this Grand Chapter."

The Grand Chapter of New Jersey most wisely enacts,—"That no Chapter shall receive a Warrant from it, until the officers named shall exemplify to the satisfaction of the Grand Chapter and officers their capacity to perform the duties they are then to assume."

OHIO.

(*Meets in October.*)

Reports No. of Chapters, 79—Exaltations, 403—Members, 2800. Publishes no report on foreign correspondence.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

(*Meets in February.*)

Reports No. Chapters, 22—Exaltations, 52—Members, 372. Publishes no report on foreign correspondence.

VIRGINIA.

(*Meets in December.*)

Reports No. of Chapters, 47—No correct return of Exaltations and Members. The Committee on foreign correspondence state as follows:—"We agree heartily with Vermont (Report of 1857) that Committees on foreign correspondence are transcending their prescribed limits. We even go further, and think these

Reports are, in many cases, injurious, as provoking strife, recrimination and bitterness."

VERMONT.

(*Meets in August.*)

Reports No. of Chapters, 13—Exaltations (no return)—Members, 731. The Committee remark that all the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Canada indicate the true spirit of faithful and excellent Companions, and we cordially extend to them the right hand of fellowship.

WISCONSIN.

(*Meets in February.*)

Reports No. of Chapters, 18—Exaltations, 80—Members, 589. The Committee recommend a fraternal recognition and cordial welcome to the Grand Chapter of Canada, and, on motion, the recommendation was adopted as the sentiments of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin.

Since the organization, therefore, of the Grand Chapter of Canada, copies of Proceedings have been received from *twenty-two* Grand Chapters of the United States, leaving only *eight*, with which, up to this date, we have not had the pleasure of direct communication, viz :—

Arkansas, Georgia, Iowa, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Tennessee.

Arkansas and Michigan have fully recognized the Grand Chapter of Canada, as I find stated in the communications received from other Grand Chapters; while, from the same source, I discover that Massachusetts, looking upon us, as "*established and organized in direct violation of Masonic authority and usage*," declines recognition. As she, however, stands alone in her opinion, I conceive that it does not require to be specially combatted or deprecated. I am quite sure that I express the feeling of the Grand Chapter of Canada, in assuring Massachusetts, that we shall be well pleased, at any future period, to establish the most friendly intercourse with her, as a State whose friendship will, at all times, be valuable to Canadian and English Royal Arch Masons, for many reasons.

It is computed that the *number* of *Freemasons* in the *United States* is about 400,000, of which about 50,000 have been exalted to the Holy Royal Arch, and the Grand High Priests of the respective Grand Chapters report the Order to be every where in a state of progressive prosperity.

I cannot resist, before introducing other matters to your notice, bearing testimony to the kindly and Masonic tone of the

Proceedings thus briefly reviewed, and remarking that in the face of a contrariety of opinions and views, you will look in vain for one single sentence that can be construed into an allusion to the important wants, that now and then occur, and convulse and outwardly appear to threaten to shake to pieces the fabric of our powerful and energetic neighbor. This is as it should be. The tie that binds Freemasons is no ordinary one. Our time-honored Order has often stepped in and helped to alleviate the horrors and distresses attending upon war. The Indian has subdued his ferocity and thirst for blood in deference to its merciful power,—and who can limit the service it may render, should unhappily, the terrible evil of civil and national dissension be suffered to prevail amongst us?

The subject which I wish to submit next for your consideration is the *Constitution*. At the last annual Convocation a committee was appointed to revise it, and report thereon at the next meeting of Grand Chapter. The committee consisted of Companions residing at Quebec, Toronto, Brockville, Simcoe, Kingston and Belleville, and it must strike every one that, thus constituted, it was not very likely to meet, except in a hurried manner,—probably just before the assembling of Grand Chapter,—and, consequently, that any great amount of deliberation on the important matter intrusted to it could hardly be expected. A report should have been furnished to the Grand Scribe E, sixty days anterior to the meeting of Grand Chapter, in order that he might previously submit all proposed amendments to the various subordinate Chapters. This could not be done, and I am under the impression that, in future, the nomination to all committees of only two or three Companions, residing in immediate vicinity to each other, would be much more beneficial in every way. In the meantime, as your First Grand Principal for the time being, I beg to suggest some alterations in the Constitution, which I think are necessary and likely to prove of advantage. Their adoption of course rests with Grand Chapter. They are as follows:—

Of Grand Chapter—Art. 5.—Add at end—"The Grand Principal, Z., H., and J., must be First or Past First Principals, and the others (except the Janitor) Principals or Past Principals of a Chapter."

Art. 11.—Add at end—"In all cases where Summonses are issued, whether by Grand or Private Chapter, at least seven clear days' notice shall be given."

Of Grand Officers—Art. 1.—Omit as unnecessary. See—"The Grand Chapter, Art. 2, 3 and 4."

Art. 3.—Instead of "The Grand Superintendent of the District," read "the Senior Grand Superintendent of a District present," &c.

Of Grand Superintendents of Districts.— Art. 1.—Omit "seven in number," and read "The Grand Superintendent for each District, whose rank or seniority shall be as defined by the Grand Lodge of Canada, shall be nominated," &c.

Art. 5.—For "Warrants *to* be recommended," read "*must* be recommended," &c.

Grand Scribe E. and N.—Art. 1.—Omit "who shall be an Installed First Principal," &c., already provided for under the head "of Grand Chapter, Art. 5."

Of Grand Principal Sojourner, &c.,—Art. 2.—Omit as unnecessary.

Government of Subordinate Chapters—Art. 2.—For "confirm the said Dispensation *or* grant," &c., read "*and* grant," &c.

Of Subordinate Chapters—Art. 1.—For "three Sojourners, two Scribes and a Janitor," &c., read "two Scribes, three Sojourners, and a Janitor," &c.

Art. 4.—Instead of "by the Grand Z." read "by one of the Grand Principals, or Superintendents of Districts, or by some present or Past first Principal," and omit (as now done in England) the words "delegated for that purpose by the Grand Z."

Art. 6.—I think the First Principal should be an Installed Master or Pastmaster of a Lodge, but that is the only restriction I am in favor of,—as the law stands, it almost disfranchises some Chapters, is a serious drawback, and often prevents their opening and working. I do not find that Foreign Chapters suffer, by reason that they do not compel a regular gradation upwards of tenure of office. I therefore recommend that this Art. be altered as follows: "No Companion shall be eligible for the First Principal's chair unless he be an Installed Master or Pastmaster of a regular Lodge,"—and omit the remaining portion altogether.

Art. 8.—At the end, for "as a *First* or Past Principal," read "as a *Principal* or Past Principal," &c.

Art. 12.—For "and discharge," &c., read "who shall discharge," &c.

Art. 14.—Add "Every Mark Master must select his mark within six months from the date of his taking the Degree, and a description of it shall be returned by his Chapter, for record by the Grand Scribe E."

Art. 16.—For "*twelve*" read "*three* Calendar months at least," and add "Except by Dispensation from the First Grand Principal, which shall not, however, be for a shorter period than four weeks."

With regard to this law as it stood, the Supreme Grand Chapter of England has seen and provided a remedy against its injurious effects, caused by other Grand Chapters having no restrictive rule, by so amending it, as to sanction the exaltation of candidates, in Chapters abroad, after four weeks, by dispensation. The dispensing power was confined to the First Grand Principal and Provincial Grand Superintendents, but a motion has recently been adopted (2nd November last) to the effect, that in Colonies where there is no Superintendent, Private Chapters shall have power to exalt in four weeks in cases of real necessity, the reasons for which shall be reported to the Supreme Grand Chapter, and the only proviso being, that in each case the three Principals of the Chapter agree to the emergency.

The Provincial Grand Superintendent for Bengal thus writes to the Grand Scribe E, of England,—"As no restrictive rule exists in the Scottish Chapter working in Calcutta, Brethren, desirous of exaltation to the Royal Arch, do not feel disposed to wait twelve months for it, and they naturally take the degree where they can obtain it with facility. Thus the Chapters working under the Supreme Grand Chapter of England are deserted, and will ultimately have to be closed, if a remedy be not applied speedily." And again—"I have deemed it absolutely necessary to authorise the exaltation of Brethren to the Royal Arch four weeks after receiving the degree of Master Mason; instead of considering that to be the *time of Emergency* only as directed by the Supreme Grand Chapter of England." These extracts I consider peculiarly applicable to the present position of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

Art. 17.—Add "This is not, however, to extend to serving Companions, who may be exalted free of fee or charge; provided that a Dispensation be obtained from the First Grand Principal or Grand Superintendent of the District in which the candidate resides."

Art. 18.—After "Brethren exalted," insert "or Companions first joining from a foreign Chapter," &c., and add at the end "A memorandum shall be made on the margin of the certificate of the dates of taking the Degrees of Mark, Past, and Most Excellent Master."

The foregoing comprise the alterations I felt it to be my duty to suggest, and I recommend those affecting "*Subordinate Chapters—Art.* 6 *and* 16"—to your especial consideration.

Before I conclude, I must request you to consider the peculiar nature of the *present Convocation* of Grand Chapter. The constitution provides that the Election, &c., of all officers shall be holden in the *month of February*, at which the place of holding the next *Convocation* during the annual communication of the Grand Lodge may determine, at such hours as the M. E. Z. may appoint the next regular Convocation to be held in July 1860," and before the close of the Convocation, on motion, it was unanimously resolved—"That the next regular Convocation of this Grand Chapter be held in the city of London, subject, nevertheless, to the action of the Grand Lodge of Canada selecting the same place for its annual communication in A.D., 1860."

The Grand Lodge having decided to meet *next July at Ottawa*, there remains on my mind a doubt, as to whether the actual period for holding the Regular Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter and electing officers does not remain "in *statu quo*," and the present is therefore the constitutional time for carrying out the law, the place of meeting to be determined by me. It remains for Grand Chapter to solve this doubt, and proceed or not with the Elections, &c., according to the view taken of the law being in its normal condition or otherwise.

Finally, my Companions,—I cannot take leave, without tendering my thanks to you for raising me to my present high and honorable position, and assuring you that, should it now be your pleasure to exercise your prerogative by the election of a successor to my important office, I shall not deem myself at liberty to relax my personal exertions for the benefit of the Grand Chapter and our Order in general. Indeed it may be a proper matter for you to consider whether it would not be more advantageous for your First Grand Principal to be a Companion, whose residence is not so distant from you, as mine unfortunately is at present.

I would like to meet and take counsel with you on other points than those already mentioned in this Address, and one I cannot avoid making strong allusion to. It is the increasing propensity, which all must have observed, of making Freemasonry subservient to individual private interests. I allude specially to what I can only designate—"travelling *Pedlaring*"—under the *mantle* of our *Order*. With *Masonic Emblems* ostentatiously put forward, men systematically roam about, hawking their wares and whose claims to membership are not always scanned as closely and severely as they should be. I call this growing evil a prostitution and a degradation of our Institution, and I trust that all Companions will unite in discountenancing it as much as possible. Relief to distress must never be refused, but I do not hesitate to declare that quite a number of those, who thus travel

are not in so great need, as many of the Companions and Brethren, who, from want of strict caution and due examination, they frequently impose upon. Exceptional instances there are of course, but these a little trouble will easily detect, and then a fair and honest purchase may save much misery.

Once again I beg to express my regret that I am unable, at this time, to shake you all by the hand. My heart is with you, and I pray the G. A. O. T. U. to spare us all yet a little while, to bestow his choicest blessings on you and yours, to grant prosperity to the Grand Chapter of Canada, and to preserve our Order, throughout the earth, by cementing it and us, to use our own emphatic language, with every moral and social virtue. So mote it be. I finish with that good old salutation—Good by!

T. DOUGLAS HARINGTON, *G. Z.*,
Grand Chapter of Canada.

Quebec, 1st February, 1860.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[No. 1.]

(Copy.) Toronto, Canada, 1st Aug., 1859.

My Lord and M. E. Comp.,—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a communication, dated the 16th June last, from the Grand Scribe E. of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England to the Grand Scribe E. of the Grand Chapter of Canada, informing him that the Address of the latter to the former Body, on the subject of its recognition, &c., had been referred to the Three Grand Principals of England; who, "with every desire to preserve a friendly and fraternal intercourse with the Canadian Masons of every degree, could not consistently with their duty, entertain official relations with a Body, which holds as essential to admission into its pale, the possession of degrees, which are not recognized by the Grand Lodge, or the Grand Chapter of England."

At an Especial Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Canada, this communication was laid before the Companions, and elicited from each and all an expression of unfeigned regret, arising not only from their anxiety to be in close communion with the Grand Chapter of England, but from disappointment; for they naturally concluded that as all difficulties connected with the *Grand Lodges* were happily arranged, the same satisfactory result would be easily matured as regarded the two Grand Chapters. The Companions, however, were impressed with the belief that the Grand Scribe's letter had been written under a misconception; and for the purpose of arriving at a speedy and correct solution, they

were pleased to authorise me, as their First Grand Principal, to communicate with your Lordship, and I do earnestly hope that success may attend my efforts, and that at the next meeting of the Grand Chapter of Canada I may be able to announce that there is not one single difficulty existing between the English and Canadian Craft of every Degree. I am personally encouraged to address your Lordship by my knowledge of your *individual* exertions to establish complete harmony.

To begin, then. The Grand Chapter of Canada cannot comprehend how the introduction of certain intermediate Degrees (absolutely necessary on this side of the Atlantic, and without the possession of which no R. A. Mason can enter a Chapter in the United States of America, where our Masonic intercourse is continuous) can cause the Grand Principals of England to decline recognition and the establishment of regular official relations between the two Bodies, inasmuch as England does not repudiate Ireland and Scotland, who sanction and work very nearly the same intermediate Degrees that the Grand Chapter of Canada authorises.

The Laws of the Grand Chapter of Ireland declare that—" the Degree of Mark Master Mason shall be practised under the jurisdiction and protection of the Grand R. A. Chapter, and by such Lodges only as have R. A. Warrants,"—and what are called the Exct. and Supreme Exct. Degrees form a portion of the R. A. Ceremony.

The Laws of the Grand Chapter of Scotland are more peremptory still, for they declare that—" no one shall be exalted to the R. A. Degree until he has received the Degrees of Mark Master and Past Master; (both of these being Chair Master's Degrees) as also the Exct. Master's Degree, (containing in it the three points commonly called in Scotland, the Exct., Super. Exct. and the R. A.") Scotland also empowers all Chapters—" to grant the Degrees of Mark, Past, Exct. and R. A.,—as also the Royal Ark Mariner and the Babylonish Pass, which last is commonly but erroneously called the Red Cross, and is composed of three points—Knight of the Sword, Knight of the East, and Knight of the East and West."

The Chapters of the United States oblige all Companions (English or otherwise) to take the three intermediate Degrees, before permitting them even to be present at the R. A. Degree. This is called " *healing*." I am not able to say whether the Grand Chapter of England holds official intercourse with any of the Grand Chapters of the United States.

Taking these well known facts into its consideration, the Grand Chapter of Canada came to the natural conclusion that the Grand

Principals of England, when they directed the Grand Scribe E. to write the words—"*as essential to admission into its pale*,"—must have been under the impression that before a R. A. Mason hailing under England could enter a Canadian Chapter, the possession of the intermediate Degrees was imperative.

My Lord,—If this impression prevails, I assure you it is founded in error. English R. A. Masons can enter our Chapters as freely, and will be received as cordially, as though no such intermediate Degrees never had existence. Should they apply for Membership, they would (when accepted) become amenable to our Constitution, and the conferring of the intermediate Degrees would follow as a matter of course; but their standing as R. A. Masons would not be affected one iota thereby.

I do hope I make my meaning plain,—that your Lordship and the other Grand Principals, and, through you, the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, will be satisfied, and that the natural yearning of the Grand Chapter of Canada for your recognition will meet with speedy and complete gratification.

I send to you, M. E. Companion, the printed proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Canada, which will afford you more information than can be comprised in the compass of a letter, and I would request your special reference to portions thereof at pages 5, 13 and 16, and to our Constitution printed at length with the proceedings. At page 52 your Lordship will find our recognition by the Grand Chapter of Ireland, and the Grand Chapter of Scotland has recently addressed a most gratifying communication to us, a copy of which I transmit.

In conclusion, I cannot help repeating that I do most earnestly hope and trust, that the objection entertained by the Grand Principals of the Grand Chapter of England will now cease to exist; that our proffered right hand of fellowship, M. E. Companion, will at once and for ever be cordially grasped, as it is heartily extended; and that the hearts of the Canadian Companions (my own included) will speedily be gladdened by the receipt *from old England* of a satisfactory communication to that effect in reply to this one.

With sentiments of sincere esteem for your Lordship personally, believe me ever to remain, my Lord and M. E. Comp.,

Yours most respectfully and fraternally,

T. DOUGLAS HARINGTON, G. Z.,
Grand Chapter of Canada.

The Right Honble.
THE EARL OF ZETLAND,
M. E., 1st Grand Principal,
Supreme Grand Chapter of England.

[No. 2.]

(Copy.) FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W. C.,
7th October, 1859.

MOST EXCELLENT COMPANION,—

Referring to your communication addressed to the Most Excellent the First Grand Principal, the Earl of Zetland, relative to the recognition of the Grand Chapter of Canada by the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, I am commanded by his Lordship to state, that in a matter of so much importance it is essential that the most careful consideration should be given to the case in all its bearings; that at this season of the year his Lordship and the other Grand Principals are away from London, and that one of them is not at this present time in England; and that it is probable they may deem it expedient to refer the matter back to the Grand Chapter before any definite reply is given to your letter.

In the meantime I am directed to require the favor of your affording some precise information as to the position and privileges of Royal Arch Masons under our Constitution who may visit Chapters holding under the Grand Chapter of Canada, and regarding which some uncertainty exists in this country. I am more especially to ascertain whether an Installed Principal under our Constitution is permitted to enter any one of your Chapters, to be present at the opening, and to remain and witness the whole of your ceremonies from the opening to the closing of the Chapter; or whether, when an exaltation is about to take place, he is not called upon to retire on the ground that Degrees, essential to Royal Arch Masonry as practised in Canada but unknown to him, are to be conferred; and whether he is not kept out of the Chapter until the termination of such intermediate ceremonies, and only re-admitted to witness the closing of the Chapter.

I have to state in conclusion that, inasmuch as the Grand Lodge of Canada has been fully recognized by the Grand Lodge of England, it is the earnest desire of all parties in this country to maintain the most friendly intercourse with Masons of all grades in Canada; but it is felt desirable that the fullest information should be obtained as to the position of Royal Arch Masons under the English Constitution before any decisive step is taken to establish official relations with the Grand Chapter of Canada.

Trusting, therefore, to your courtesy to convey the desired information, I have the honor to be,

Most Excellent Companion,
Your obedient servant and Brother,
WM. GRAY CLARKE, *G.S.E.*

T. DOUGLAS HARINGTON, ESQ., *Z.*
Grand Chapter of Canada, Toronto.

[No. 3.]

(Copy.) Quebec, Canada, 20th Dec., 1859.

Dear Sir and E. Companion,—

I have to acknowledge your communication of the 7th of October last, and must apologize for not replying to it sooner; but as you state that the question relative to the complete recognition of the Grand Chapter of Canada will probably be referred back to the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, before a definite decision is arrived at, which I am aware cannot be done before February next, I was desirous of consulting the Grand Scribe E, who was in possession of the previous correspondence, and for this I had plenty of time before me. Circumstances, however, connected with the removal of the Government from Toronto to this city and my own health, which required looking after, prevented my seeing the Grand Scribe, Companion T. B. Harris, at Hamilton, until a fortnight since. Both he and I felt rather at a loss what further information I could furnish, inasmuch as in my former letter to the M. E., the First Grand Principal of England, I distinctly assured him that English Royal Arch Masons could enter and remain in our Chapters as freely as though certain intermediate Degrees, (deemed expedient here) had never existed.

Will you now be so good as to explain to the M. E., the First Grand Principal, the Earl of Zetland, that those intermediate Degrees, (viz: Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master) although under the control of, are not conferred in Chapter at all. They are preliminary and are worked at separate times, each Degree having its distinct opening and closing as a *Lodge*. The Royal Arch Chapter (par excellence) is opened as in England. Candidates *for Exaltation* give evidence of their knowledge of the three intermediate Degrees, but not Companion Visitors. It is only necessary for these last to prove themselves Royal Arch Masons. Therefore any English Royal Arch Mason, whether an installed Principal or not, can enter any one of our Chapters as freely as his own, be present at the opening and remain and witness the whole ceremony of Exaltation, and assist at the closing of the Chapter. He need not retire therefrom for one moment, unless by his own desire made known in the usual manner. You may rely on the correctness of this, and I do earnestly hope that what I have now written will remove all uncertainty and difficulty.

I can think of nothing further, except to assure you of the anxiety of the Grand Chapter of Canada and myself, as its temporary Head, for the establishment of the most lasting and sincere cordiality between the two Bodies.

I hope I shall hear from you very soon, and would request you to address me here. Your last letter went to Toronto in the first instance. Wishing you the old English compliments of the season —a merry Xmas and happy New Year, believe me, dear Sir, and Ex. Companion,

Yours very fraternally,

T. DOUGAS HARINGTON, *G. Z.*
Grand Chapter of Canada.

Excellent Companion,
WM. GRAY CLARKE, ESQ.,
Grand Scribe E., &c., &c., &c.

The M. E. Z. appointed the following Companions a special committee, to take into consideration the various subjects contained in the Address and Report thereon to Grand Chapter at an early hour, viz: R. E. Companion J. C. Franck, E. Companions W. H. Pardey, and E. Heathfield.

The following report from the Grand Superintendent for the Toronto District was read :—

REPORT:

To the Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

In compliance with the requirements of Grand Chapter I beg to submit a report of my proceedings since my appointment to the office of Superintendent of the Toronto District.

Having only two Chapters, viz., the St. Andrew's and King Solomon's R. A. Chapters, under my charge, and both of these meeting in the city of Toronto, the duties of my office have been necessarily light, indeed confined entirely to occasional visits, during which it has given me much pleasure and gratification to witness the excellence of the work, it being strictly in accordance with the ritual adopted by Grand Chapter—they are also in a very prosperous condition, and have recently made large additions to their numbers. It gives me great pleasure to report both these Chapters in a highly efficient state.

Whilst, however, the Chapters in this District, under the Grand Chapter, are in this flourishing and satisfactory condition, it is my duty to report that the unity of the order is to some extent broken by the existence of St. John's R. A. Chapter,

hailing from the Grand Chapter of Scotland—this Chapter is also in a very prosperous condition, and it is much to be regretted that all attempts that have been made to induce the Companions composing this Chapter to affiliate with your Grand Body have proved unsuccessful—their plea for not doing so is that the Grand Chapter of Scotland gives them power to confer several degrees not known to this Grand Chapter, and further, that it does not require fees of any kind from them. I refer to these matters as not unimportant, and in the hope that Grand Chapter will take the subject into its serious consideration.

One other matter requiring, in my opinion, the immediate action of this Grand Body, arises from an intimation made to me by a Companion correctly informed on the subject, that an application is about to be made by certain Companions exalted in the St. John's Chapter of Toronto, to the Grand Chapter of Scotland, for a warrant to hold a Chapter in the town of Whitby; whether this application will or will not be successful, I am unable to say, as I am not aware of the relations subsisting between the Grand Chapter of Scotland and this Grand Chapter, but I presume that should such an attempt prove successful this Grand Body could not recognize any such organization, for whilst the Canadian Chapters are prepared to recognize all Chapters in existence and hailing from either of the Grand Chapters of England, Ireland and Scotland, at the time of the formation of this Grand Chapter, yet the interests of the craft imperatively demand that no new Chapters shall in future be recognized, unless emanating from and under the authority of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

All of which I have the honor to submit,

FRANCIS RICHARDSON,
Grand Superintendent, Toronto District.

Toronto, Feb. 7, 1860.

The report was received and ordered to be printed with the proceedings.

Report of the Grand Superintendent for the Central District:

REPORT:

To the Most Excellent the Grand Council, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

M. E. Council, Officers and Companions,—

I have the honor to submit the following annual Report, as required by the Constitution of this Grand Chapter. When at

the last annual Convocation I was honored with the appointment of Grand Superintendent for the Central District, I had only two Chapters in the District, namely, "The Ancient Frontenac" Chapter of Kingston and the "Moira" Chapter of Belleville, both working in accordance with the established ritual of England.

The first named being the oldest Chapter in the Province, requires no commendation at my hands, it ranks amongst its members a great number of the old veterans of the Craft, and that distinguished Mason the R. E. the second Grand Principal, Companion S. D. Fowler, I need hardly add that their work deserves the highest wages, the approbation of the Craft.

The latter, although established but a few years, bids fair to become a model Chapter under this jurisdiction, the skill of the Officers, and the laudable enthusiasm of the Companions, is bound to accord to their Chapter a high position in the Craft. No Chapter has as yet been established nearer east than Kingston, or west than Toronto, and no doubt exists that the number of members, already large, must be greatly increased every year.

During the past year an old Irish Warrant, attached to the Duke of Leinster Lodge No. 283, in the city of Kingston, was revived by a Dispensation of affiliation under the name of "Cataraqui Chapter," I recommended their application to the M. E. the First Grand Principal only after personal and anxious examination concerning the requirements of the Craft in that city, and in asking at your hands a Warrant of Confirmation I may safely promise that the granting thereof will be followed by the most salutary results to the order in that city. A new Chapter was also opened during the month of January, called the "Carlton Chapter," at the city of Ottawa, for which I now beg to apply for a warrant of Constitution, I need only mention the names of the First Principal of this Chapter, namely, Excellent Companion, Col. W. J. B. McLeod Moore, to enlist the unanimous vote of the members of this Grand Chapter. To my great regret I was unable to attend the opening of this Chapter, the Companions however were much better served by the attendance of the R. E., the second Grand Principal, and other distinguished members of the Ancient Frontenac Chapter of Kingston.

All the other Chapters I have visited during the year with much pleasure to myself, and here express the most sincere gratitude to the Companions for the kind reception they have at all times accorded me.

The means of promulgating the ritual adopted by this Grand Chapter at its last annual Convocation, will, I doubt not, engage your attention during the present Session, as the general want

of knowledge of the work so established is at present most severely felt.

I cannot close this report without mentioning the attention which all my communications have received at the office of the Grand Scribe E., and which attention has not only much encouraged but greatly assisted me in my humble efforts for the benefit of Royal Arch Masonry in the Central District.

All of which is most respectfully submitted,

J. C. FRANCK,
Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons, Central District.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER,
Hamilton, February 8th, 1860.

The report was received and ordered to be printed with the proceedings.

It was moved by R. E. Companion J. C. Franck, seconded R. E. Companion Thos. B. Harris, and unanimously adopted,—

That Warrants of affiliation be issued with the least possible delay, to the Cataraqui Chapter, Kingston, and the Independent Chapter, Quebec, on the same terms as the previously affiliating Chapters.

It was moved by R. E. Companion J. C. Franck, seconded by R. E. Companion Thos. B. Harris, and

Resolved,—That Warrants of Constitution be granted to the undermentioned Chapters under Dispensation, viz :—

Wilson Chapter—Windsor,
Wawanosh Chapter—Sarnia,
Carlton Chapter—Ottawa.

A memorial from a number of Companions, praying for a Warrant of Constitution to open a new Chapter in the town of St. Johns, to be named the "Dorchester" Chapter, and also

A memorial from a number of Companions, praying for a Warrant of Constitution to open a new Chapter in the town of Woodstock, to be named the "Oxford" Chapter, was read and submitted to the Grand Chapter.

It was on motion

Resolved,—That the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and the Grand Scribe E. be empowered to prepare the Warrants with the least possible delay.

The M. E. Z. announced that the Election of Grand officers would be the first business in order for the afternoon session.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment, to meet at 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Chapter resumed its sittings at 2.30 o'clock, P.M.

The Grand Principals on the Throne.

Grand officers and Representatives.

The M. E. Z. appointed the following Companions as scrutineers, viz: R. E. Companion Kivas Tully, R. E. Companion S. B. Harman, and E. Companion W. R. Harris.

The election of officers for the ensuing Masonic term was proceeded with, and the following Companions were declared duly elected :—

M. E. Companion		T. Douglas Harington, re-elected	Grand	Z.
R. "	"	Samuel B. Harman,	"	H.
" "	"	Alfred A. Campbell,	"	J.
" "	"	Thos. Bird Harris, re-elected	G. Scribe	E.
" "	"	Edwin Heathfield,	" "	N.
" "	"	W. J. Spicer, Grand Principal Sojourner.		
" "	"	James A. Henderson, Grand Treasurer.		
" "	"	Thos. J. Angel, Grand Registrar.		

Grand Superintendents, by the Chapters of their respective Districts :—

M. E. Companion		Thompson Wilson,	London District.
R. "	"	Thomas Duggan,	Hamilton "
" "	"	Francis Richardson,	Toronto "
" "	"	Jno. C. Franck,	Central "

It was moved by R. E. Companion J. C. Franck, seconded by R. E. Companion Thomas Duggan, and unanimously adopted,

That the Grand Scribe E. be allowed a salary of $300, for his efficient services during the past year.

The M. E. Z. appointed R. E. Companion E. Heathfield, Thomas Duggan, and G. W. Whitehead, a committee to audit the Books and Accounts of the G. S. E.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment, to meet at 10 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.

THURSDAY, February 9, 1860.

The Grand Chapter resumed its sittings at 11 o'clock, A. M.

M. E.	Companion	Thompson Wilson,	as Grand	Z.
R. E.	„	Thomas Duggan,	as „	H.
M. E.	„	Wm. Mercer Wilson,	as „	J.

On the Throne.

Officers and Representatives.

The Special Committee appointed to consider the subjects in the M. E. Z's address, submitted the following

REPORT

To the M. E. Grand Principals, Officers and Membres of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

Your Special Committee to whom was referred the address of the M. E. Z., most respectfully beg leave to report—

That they join in the regret expressed by the M. E. Grand First Principal, at his inability to be present at this Convocation of Grand Chapter, and they doubt not that only the importance of private avocations could have occasioned his absence.

Your Committee are much pleased to observe the prosperous condition of the Royal Craft in this province, and fully concur in the recommendation that Warrants should be granted to the four Chapters under dispensation.

It affords your Committee much pleasure and satisfaction to learn the recognition of this Grand Chapter by the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, as also that the objections to a cordial recognition which were at first advanced by the Supreme Grand Chapter of England have been most satisfactorily

explained in the correspondence of our M. E. Z., and that its recognition may be confidently anticipated before many weeks are passed.

Your Committee observe with evident satisfaction that the M. E. Z. has embraced a review of the proceedings of twenty two of our sister Grand Chapters of the United States, who have fraternally exchanged sentiments with us, during the past year; the labor attached thereto has doubtless been a severe tax upon his valuable time, for which the thanks of this Grand Chapter are most especially due.

With reference to those Grand Chapters which have as yet delayed a recognition, your Committee have no desire to express other than the most fraternal and friendly feelings, nothing doubting but that when all the circumstances of our position have been fully and fairly considered, a warm and hearty recongition will be promptly accorded.

Your Committee fully approve of the sentiments annunciated by the M. E. Z., on the subject of the formation of new Chapters in Canada. This Grand Chapter cannot possibly give countenance to other Chapters than those organized by and under its own sanction, all others are, and must be, looked upon as irregular, consequently no communication can be held with such, and your Committee feel fully persuaded that after the cordial manner in which the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland has recognized the authority of this Grand Chapter, it would never be instrumental in fostering or encouraging a feeling that would be the means of spreading dissention and discord in our midst.

Your Committee are of opinion that the notice of motion given by R. E. Companion J. C. Franck, at the last annual convocation, with reference to the future assembling of this Grand Body, in no manner affects this convocation, and for the present its adoption is considered to be prejudicial to the best interests of this Grand Chapter.

It is a well known fact that our order has of late been made to serve the base ends of designing knaves who have thrust themselves upon the unwary with the most insinuating manners, bedaubed with symbols they could lay no just claim to wear, thereby hoping to advance their worldly interest, prostituting the institution to base and unworthy purposes, and your Committee fully support the recommendation of the M. E. Z., that all true and zealous masons should exert every means in their power to discountenance such an unwarrantable imposition on the order.

All of which is submitted,

J. C. FRANCK, *Chairman.*

It was moved by M. E. Companion Wm. Mercer Wilson, seconded by R. E. Companion Thomas Duggan,

That the report from the Special Committee on the matters contained in the M. E. Z.'s address be received and adopted.

The Grand Scribe E., submitu the following statement of monies received during the past year :

Thomas B. Harris, Grand S. E., in account current with the Grand Chapter.

Dr.

		$	cts.
1859.			
Feb'y,	To Cash on hand.	17	52
Mar. 4	" Wilson Chapter, Windsor, per Dispensation.....	40	00
	" " " " " Dis. per Exaltation	5	00
Ju'e 18	" Independent " Quebec, per Dues in advance..	20	00
July 2	" Frontenac " Kingston " Certificate.....	3	00
Oct. 4	" Kilwinning " London " Warrant	10	00
1860.			
Jan.	" Wawanosh " Sarnia " Dispensation.....	40	00
" 30	" St. George's " London " Dues and 2 Certifi'e	6	00
Feb. 4	" Dorchester " St. Johns " Dispensation.....	40	00
	Balance due G. S. E. carried forward	44	58
		$226	10

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		$	cts.
1859.			
	By Cash paid for postages, &c., to the 7th February, 1860	11	90
July,	" " Kneeshaw & Co.'s account.....	2	45
"	" " For Letter Copy Book.....	2	75
"	" " Janitor, for his attendance at Kingston	8	00
	" " For letter file.....	1	00
	" " Vote of Grand Chapter to the G. S. E. for services	200	00
	$	226	10
	" Balance due G. S. E. .....$	44	58

The auditors beg leave to report that they have examined the Books and Accounts of the Grand Scribe E., and find them correct.

(Signed) EDWIN HEATHFIELD,
THOMAS DUGGAN,
G. W. WHITEHEAD.

On motion of M. E. Comp. W. M. Wilson, seconded by R. E. Comp. W. Bellhouse, the auditors' report was received and adopted.

A letter from the Golden Rule Chapter, Stanstead, having been read, it was submitted to the consideration of Grand Chapter, and the Grand Scribe E. was instructed to communicate with the First Principal of the Chapter on the subject of its contents.

The preparation of the Certificates and Warrants was referred back to the Committee, with instructions to complete them at the earliest possible date.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. Thos. B. Harris, seconded by M. E. Comp. Wilson, and unanimously adopted,—

That the next Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter be held at the town of Belleville.

It was on motion resolved,—

That copies of the proceedings of this Grand Convocation be printed and circulated in the usual manner.

The Grand Scribe E. was directed to pay the *Spectator's* printing account as submitted, amounting to $78.50.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. Heathfield, seconded by R. E. Comp. T. Duggan, and adopted,—

That Comp. James Geen, Janitor of the Moira Chapter, No. 7, Belleville, be elected Grand Janitor.

R. E. Comp. Thos. B. Harris gave the following notice of motion as an amendment to the Constitution,—

That at the next Annual Convocation, he would move that the Grand Janitor be elected from the Chapter in the place where it is decided to hold the Grand Annual Convocation.

The M. E. Z. has been pleased to make the following appointments to office for the ensuing Masonic year:—

V. E. Comp.	Wm. H. Pardey,	Grand 1st Assist.	Sojourner
" " "	Wm. H. Ponton,	" 2nd "	"
" " "	R. Pope	" Sword Bearer.	
" " "	Jeremiah Taylor,	" Standard Bearer.	
" " "	Wm. R. Harris,	" Director of Ceremonies.	
" " "	H. J. Martin ...	" Organist.	
" " "	George Masson..	" Pursuivant.	
" " "	E. J. Barker	" Stewards.	
" " "	Daniel Spry	" Stewards.	
" " "	Thos. Mackie ..	" Stewards.	
" " "	Thos. Hookey ..	" Stewards.	

The elected Grand Officers present were duly installed and proclaimed.

The business of the Grand Chapter being finished, it was closed in *ample* form.

[ATTEST.]

Thos. B. Harris

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PROCEEDINGS

At an Especial Convocation, of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, held at the Masonic Hall, in the City of Ottawa, on Friday, the 13th day of July, A. L. 5860, A. D. 1860,—

PRESENT:

M. E. Comp. T. Douglas Harington, G. Z.
R. " " Samuel B. Harman, G. H.
" " " Samuel D. Fowler, as G. J.
on the Throne.
R. E. Comp. Thos. Bird Harris, Grand Scribe, E.
" " " W. B. Simpson, as " " N.
" " " George Masson, as " P. Sojourner.
" " " James A. Henderson, " Treasurer.
" " " Thos. J. Angel, " Registrar.
V. " " J. J. Barrows, as " 1st Assist. Soj.
" " " James Seymour, as " 2nd Assist. "
" " " J. Salmon, as " Pursuivant.
" J. Sweetman, as " Janitor.

VISITING.

Comp. Cyril Pearl, State of Maine.
E. " A. De Grassie, Z. St. John's, Chapter, S. R.

A Constitutional number of Chapters being represented, the Grand Chapter was opened in *ample* form.

The Grand Scribe E. reported the following Representatives from duly warranted Chapters present, whom he recommended to be admitted and to take part in the proceedings of Grand Chapter:

No. 1. ANCIENT FRONTENAC CHAPTER, KINGSTON.

R. E. Comp. James A. Henderson, P. Z.
" " " Samuel D. Fowler, P. Z.
" " Geo. F. La Serre, P. Z.
" " " W. B. Simpson, P. G. Supt.

No. 2. THE HIRAM CHAPTER, HAMILTON.

R. E. Comp. Thos. B. Harris, P. Z. Rep.
" " George W. Whitehead.

No. 4. ST. ANDREW'S CHAPTER, TORONTO.

R. E. Comp. S. B. Harman, Z.
" Christopher Burrell.

No. 5. ST. GEORGE'S CHAPTER, LONDON.

M. E. Comp. Thompson Wilson, Z.

No. 6. ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, HAMILTON.

M. E. Comp. T. D. Harington, G. Z.
R. E. " Thos. B. Harris, P. Z. and Rep.
" James Seymour.

No. 12. CATARAQUI CHAPTER, KINGSTON.

R. E. Comp. Thos. J. Angel, Z.

No. 15. WAWANOSH CHAPTER, SARNIA.

V. E. Comp. George Masson, H.

No. 16. CARLETON CHAPTER, OTTAWA.

E. Comp. W. J. B. McLeod Moore, Z.

The Report from the Grand Scribe E., on Credentials, was received and adopted.

The M. E. Z. granted permission for all visiting Companions in good standing to be admitted.

The M. E. Z. informed the Grand Chapter that he had directed the Grand Scribe E. to issue the notice convening this Especial Convocation of Grand Chapter for the purpose of considering the amendments to the Constitution, as submitted in his address, at the last Annual Convocation, printed copies of such proposed alterations having been transmitted to the various Chapters.

The amendments to the Constitution were considered *seriatim* and the following were declared adopted :—

THE GRAND CHAPTER.

ART. V.—Add at end : "The Grand Principals, Z. H. and J., must be First or Past First Principals, and the other elective officers (except the Janitor) Principals or Past Principals of a Chapter."

ART. XI.—Add at end : "In all cases where summonses are issued, whether by Grand or Private Chapter, at least seven clear days' notice shall be given."

OF GRAND OFFICERS.

ART. I.—Instead of "*and with the elective Grand Officers to be*," &c., read "*who* with the elective Grand Officers *are* to be,"&c.

OF GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS OF DISTRICTS.

ART. I.—Omit the words, "*seven in number.*"

ART. V.—For "*to* be recommended," read "*must* be," &c.

OF GRAND SCRIBES E. & N.

ART. I.—Omit twice the word "*First.*"

OF PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER, &C.

ART. II.—Omit on two last lines the word "*First.*"

GOVERNMENT OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

ART. I.—For the words at end, "*or* grant," &c., read "*and* grant," &c.

OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

ART. I.—For "*three Sojourners, two Scribes*," &c., read "*two* Scribes, *three* Sojourners," &c.

ART. IV.—For, "*by the First Grand Principal*," &c., read "by one of the Grand Principals, or Grand Superintendents of Districts, or by some present or past First Principal of a Chapter," omitting the words, "*delegated for that purpose*, &c."

ART. VI.—To read as follows after the word "*Chair :*" "unless he be an Installed Master or Past Master of a regular Lodge, nor until he has served in the second Principal's chair for twelve months; nor for the second, until he has served in the third

Principal's chair for twelve months, except by special dispensation from the first Grand Principal;" omitting the rest "as relating to the Scribes and principal Sojourner."

ART. VIII.—At the end, for "as a *First* or Past Principal," read "as a *Principal* or Past Principal," &c.

ART. XII.—For "*and* discharge," read "*who shall* discharge," &c.

ART. XIV.—Add at end: "Every Mark Master must select his mark within six months from the date of his taking the degree, and a description of it shall be returned by his Chapter for record by the Grand Scribe E."

ART. XVI.—For "*twelve*," read "*three*," and add at end, "except by dispensation from the first Grand Principal, which shall not, however, be for a shorter period than four weeks."

ART. XVII.—Add at end: "This is not, however, to extend to serving Companions, who may be exalted free of charge, provided that a dispensation be obtained from the first Grand Principal or Grand Superintendent of the District in which the candidate resides."

ART. XVIII.—After the word "*exalted*," insert "and Companions first joining from a Foreign Chapter," &c.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. S. B. Harman, seconded by R. E. Comp. Thos. B. Harris, and unanimously adopted.

That the proposed alterations to the Constitution as submitted for the consideration and action of the various Subordinate Chapters, by the M. E. Z. at the last annual Convocation, and as now amended, be confirmed.

The labors of Grand Chapter being ended, it was closed in *ample* form, with solemn prayer.

Thos. B. Harris

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APPENDIX.

Since the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, the following letter has been received at Quebec by the M. E. Z., from the Grand Scribe E., of the Grand Chapter of England, by which it will be seen that the assumed difficulties, to a full and fraternal recognition, have been amply explained, and that now the most harmonious feelings exist between the two Grand Chapters :

"FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W. C.
"February 10, 1860.

"MOST EXCELLENT COMPANION,

"I have the honor to inform you that your letter of the 20th December last, received the 10th ultimo, has been duly submitted to the consideration of the three Grand Principals of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England.

"They are gratified to find that no obstacle now interposes to prevent official relations being established between the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, and the Grand Chapter of Canada, and relying on your assurance that Royal Arch Masons under the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of England, whether installed Principles or not, can enter any of the Chapters under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Canada, be present at the opening, and remain and witness the whole ceremony of exaltation, and assist at the closing, and that they need not retire for one moment, unless at their own desire, although they are not in possession of those *intermediate degrees* of Mark, Past Master and Most Excellent, which are deemed essential to be taken by all candidates for exaltation in Canada, previous to admission to the degree of the Holy Royal Arch. I am instructed to state that in the name and on behalf of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, they—the Grand Principals—fully recognize the Grand Chapter of Canada, reserving, however, to all Chapters now in Canada, who are still holding charters under the Grand Chapter of England, as also to all English Royal Arch Masons, all their rights, titles and privileges, as fully and freely as though the Grand Chapter of Canada had not been formed.

"I have the honor to be,
"Most Excellent Companion,
"Your Faithful Servant and Brother,
"WM. GRAY CLARKE,
"*G.S.E.*"

"T. DOUGLAS HARINGTON, ESQ.,
"*Grand Z. Grand Chapter of Canada,*
"Quebec."

CONSTITUTION AND GENERAL REGULATIONS

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ORDER OF

Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

AMENDED BY THE GRAND CHAPTER, JULY A.I. 2390.—A. D. 1860.

[In all cases which are not specially provided by the following Laws and Regulations, the Order of Royal Arch Masons of Canada shall be considered as bound by the Constitutions of Free and Accepted Masons, and its proceedings shall be regulated thereby, as nearly as circumstances will permit.]

THE GRAND CHAPTER.

I. The members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada rank in the following order :—

The Grand Z.
Past " "
The " H.
Past " "
The " J.
Past " "
Grand Superintendents of Districts.
Past " "
Grand Scribe, E.
" " N.
Past Grand Scribes, E. and N.
Grand Principal Sojourner.
Past " "
Grand Treasurer.
Past "

Grand Registrar.
Past "
Grand First Assistant Sojourner.
Past " " "
Grand Second " "
Past " " "
Grand Sword Bearer.
Past " "
Grand Standard Bearer.
Past " "
Grand Director of Ceremonies.
Past " "
Grand Organist.
Past "
Associate Members.
The Three Principals of every subordinate Chapter.
Past Z., H., and J. of every subordinate Chapter.
Grand Pursuivant.
Past "
Grand Janitor.

II. The Officers of the Grand Chapter shall be respectively elected or appointed, as hereinafter provided, and hold their offices for one year, or until their successors shall have been regularly elected or appointed, and installed.

The election and appointment of all officers shall take place at the Annual Convocation, when all officers of the Grand Chapter shall be duly installed and invested in ancient form.

III. The following Officers shall be elected, viz.:

By ballot of the Grand Chapter,—

The Most Excellent Grand Z,
" Right Excellent, Grand H.
" " " " J.
" " " " Scribes, E. and N.
" " " " Principal Sojourner.
" " " " Treasurer.
" " " " Registrar.

By an open vote of the Grand Chapter,—

The Grand Janitor.

By the Representatives of the Chapters of their respective Districts present at the Annual Convocation, subject to the confirmation of the Grand Z.—

The Right Excellent the Grand Superintendents of Districts.

IV. The following officers shall be appointed by the Grand Z.

The V. E.	Grand		First Assistant Sojourner.
"	"	"	Second Assistant Sojourner.
"	"	"	Sword Bearer.
"	"	"	Standard Bearer.
"	"	"	Director of Ceremonies.
"	"	"	Organist.
"	"	"	Pursuivant.
Four "		"	Stewards.

V. The elective officers, except the Janitor, to be chosen by ballot, shall require a majority of all the votes present. The Grand Principals Z. H. and J. must be First or Past First Principals and the other Officers, except the Janitor, Principals, or Past Principals of a Chapter.

VI. Should neither of the Representative Officers, or Past Z. of a Chapter, attend any Convocation of the Grand Chapter, such Chapter, by a vote properly certified by the First Principal and Scribe, E., under seal, may delegate any Companion entitled to a seat in the Grand Chapter to represent their Chapter, but no Companion can represent more than three Chapters.

VII. The Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Wardens for the time being, provided they are companions of the Order, on account of their rank in the Craft, shall be Associate Members of the Grand Chapter.

VIII. Every Companion, elected or appointed to office in the Grand Chapter, shall, during his period of office, be a subscribing Member of some regular subordinate Chapter ;

and any Past Grand Officer or member, (who shall for twelve months continuously cease to be a subscribing Member of some subordinate Chapter) shall be disqualified from attending the Grand Chapter—such disqualification to continue until he shall have again become and continue to be a subscribing Member of some regular subordinate Chapter.

IX. Should a vacancy occur in any office of the Grand Chapter, the Grand Z. shall nominate a qualified Companion to supply the place, *pro tempore.*

X. The Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter shall be held on the third Wednesday in February, at which the place of holding the next Convocation shall be decided.

XI. The Grand Z. may convene Grand Chapters of Emergency when necessary. The reason for convening a Chapter of Emergency shall be expressed in the summons, and no other business shall be entered upon at that meeting. In all cases where summonses are issued whether by Grand or private Chapter, at least seven clear days' notice shall be given.

XII. The Grand Director of Ceremonies shall, at every meeting of the Grand Chapter, attend without the entrance for the purpose of guarding under the superintendance of the Grand Pursuivant, against the admission of any but those who are qualified, and have their proper clothing and jewels, and have signed their names to the accustomed papers, and are, in all respects entitled to admission.

XIII. If, at any Grand Chapter, stated or occasional, any of the Grand Principals be absent, the chair shall be filled by the Grand Officer next in rank and seniority who may be present, provided he be an installed Present or Past First Principal of any regular subordinate Chapter.

XIV. An annual Report of the transactions of the Grand Chapter, with an account of the funds and property belonging to it, shall be printed without delay and transmitted to every member of the Grand Chapter, and to every subordinate Chapter, immediately after the general Convocation in February.

XV. When the Grand Lodge, or any other competent authority in the Craft, shall suspend or expel any Brother who is a Royal Arch Mason, the Grand Chapter shall immediately, on such suspension or expulsion being communicated to it by the Grand Principals, or any of them, proceed to consider and decide whether such Companion shall be suspended or expelled from his Arch-Masonic functions for the period whilst such Craft suspension or expulsion continues in force.

XVI. Should any Chapter have neglected to make its returns and payments to the Grand Chapter for the space of one year, the Principals and Past Principals of such Chapter shall not be permitted to attend any meeting of the Grand Chapter until such returns and payment have been completed.

XVII. Companions of eminence and ability, who have rendered service to the Craft, may, by a vote of the Grand Chapter, be constituted members of the Grand Chapter, with such rank and distinction as may be thought proper.

REGULATIONS

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GRAND CHAPTER, DURING THE TIME OF PUBLIC BUSINESS.

Which are to be read at every Convocation thereof.

I. The Grand Chapter being opened, and the Regulations having been read, the Minutes of the last Annual Convocation, and of any intervening Grand Chapter, are then to be put for confirmation; then any communication from the Grand Principals, or any of them, shall be read and proceeded with; then any reports from any Committee shall be read; after which, the other business shall be regularly proceeded with.

II. All matters are to be decided by a majority of votes, each Chapter having three votes, and each Past First Principal one vote; each Officer and member of the Grand Chapter, (except the Grand Janitor) not otherwise entitled

to vote, shall have one vote, and the presiding Officer one vote, and in case of a tie he shall also have a casting vote; unless the Grand Chapter, for the sake of expedition, shall think proper to leave any particular subject to the determination of the presiding Officer. The votes of the Members are to be signified by each holding out one of his hands, which hands the Grand Scribes are to count, unless the presiding Officer shall declare the numbers so unequal as to render the counting unnecessary.

III. Whenever the presiding officer shall call to order, there shall be general silence.

IV. All Members shall keep their seats, except the Grand Scribes, the Principal Sojourner, and the Grand Director of Ceremonies, who are allowed to move about from place to place in the discharge of their duties.

V. No Companion shall speak twice to the same question, unless in explanation, or the mover in reply.

VI. Every Companion who speaks shall rise and remain standing addressing himself to the presiding officer; and no Companion shall interrupt him, except to speak to order, or the presiding Officer to call him to order; but after he has been set right he may proceed, if he observe due order and decorum.

VII. If any Member shall have been twice called to order by the presiding Officer and shall, nevertheless, be guilty of a third offence at the same meeting, the presiding Officer shall command him forthwith to quit the Grand Chapter, and he shall not be again admitted to that Convocation.

VIII. Whoever shall be so unmasonic as to hiss at a Companion, or at what he has said, shall be forthwith solemnly excluded the Convocation, and declared incapable of being a Member of any Grand Chapter till, at another Grand Convocation, he publicly own his fault, and grace be granted.

IX. No motion for the repeal or alteration of any existing law, or for the introduction of a new one, shall be made, without notice being given in a previous Grand Chapter.

OF GRAND OFFICERS.

I. The Grand Z. shall be elected and installed, according to ancient usage, at the annual Convocation. He is then to nominate such of his Grand Officers as it is his prerogative to appoint, who, with the elective Grand Officers, are to be thereupon installed and invested in ancient form.

II. No Companion shall fill the office of a Grand Principal for more than three consecutive years, but he may be re-elected after the expiration of the following year.

III. Should the Grand Z., die during his term of office, or be rendered incapable of discharging the duties, by sickness, absence or otherwise, the Grand H., or in his absence the Grand J., or in their absence the Grand Superintendent of the District shall assemble the Grand Chapter immediately to record the event; which Grand Chapter shall appoint three of its members to invite the immediate Past First Grand Principal to act until a new election takes place. Should he decline, or be unable to act, the last but one, and so on; if no former Grand Z. be found to act, the Grand Chapter shall be summond to elect a Grand Z.

IV. The Grand Z., under the sanction of the Grand Chapter, may, by warrant, appoint any Companion of eminence and skill to represent the Grand Chapter in a sister Grand Chapter; he may also constitute the Representative of a Sister Grand Chapter, a member of the Grand Chapter of Canada, with such rank as the Grand Chapter may deem to be appropriate.

OF GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS OF DISTRICTS.

I. The Grand Superintendent for each district, as defined by the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Canada, shall be nominated by the Chapters in that District, and confirmed by the Grand Z., at the annual Convocation, and, if present, regularly invested.

He must be an installed First Principal, or a Past First Principal, and a resident in the District for which he is appointed.

This Officer is invested with a rank and power, in his particular District, in the absence of the Grand Principals, similar to those of the Grand Principals themselves.

II. He may preside in every Chapter he visits within his District.

III. He may hear and determine any subjects of Masonic complaint or irregularity respecting Chapters or individual Companions within his District, and may proceed to admonition, or to suspension, until the decision of the Grand Chapter shall be made known thereon. A minute of all such proceedings, stating the offence and the law applicable to it, together with his decision is to be transmitted to the Grand Chapter, through the Grand Scribe, E., and when the case is of so flagrant a nature, as in the judgment of the Grand Superintendent of the District to require the erasure of a chapter, or the expulsion of a companion, he shall make a special report to the Grand Chapter with his opinion thereon.

IV. The Grand Superintendent of the District may summon any Chapter or Companion, within his District to attend him, and to produce the warrant, books, papers and accounts of such Chapter, or the certificate of such Companion.

If the summons be not complied with, nor a sufficient reason given for non-compliance, a peremptory summons shall be issued ; and, in case of contumacy, the circumstances are to be reported to the Grand Chapter, who may suspend the chapter or companion, as before provided.

V. All petitions for warrants must be recommended and dully signed by the Grand Superintendent of the District prior to their transmission to the Grand Scribe, E., whose duty it shall be to see that such recommendation and signature are duly attached to each petition.

VI. The Grand Superintendent of each District is required to report to the Grand Chapter, at its annual

Convocation, on the condition of Masonry in his district, with a list of such Chapters as may have been constituted since the last annual Convocation, at least fourteen days previous to the next annual Convocation.

VII. He has power to give or refuse consent for the removal of a Chapter from Town to Town within his District but not from his District into another, or from another District into his own, without the sanction of the Grand Chapter.

GRAND SCRIBES, E. AND N.

I. All ministerial duties, and all privileges attached to the office of Grand Scribe, are to be performed and enjoyed exclusively by the Grand Scribe, E., who shall be an installed Principle, or Past Principle of a regular subordinate Chapter.

II. The Grand Scribe, N., to assist the Grand Scribe, E., during the business of the annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter.

OF GRAND PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER, TREASURER, REGISTRAR, FIRST AND SECOND ASSISTANT SOJOURNERS, SWORD BEARER, STANDARD BEARER, DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES, ORGANIST, PURSUIVANT AND JANITOR.

I. The duties of the above Officers of the Grand Chapter correspond with those of similar Officers, as prescribed in the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

The Grand Principal Sojourner acting in the Grand Chapter in a similar capacity to that of the the Grand Senior Deacon in the Grand Lodge.

II. The Grand First and Second Assistant Sojourners, Sword Bearer, Standard Bearer, Director of Ceremonies, Organist and Pursuivant, being appointed by the First Grand Principal, may be selected from amongst the Companions of

the regular subordinate Chapters, though not installed Principals, or Past Principals of such Chapters.

GOVERNMENT OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

I. The Grand Chapter of Canada shall have the sole government and superintendence of the several Royal Arch Chapters, and Lodges of Most Excellent, Past and Mark Master Masons, within the Province; to assign the limits of the several Districts, and settle controversies that may happen between them: and shall have power under seal and the sign manual of the Grand principals, attested by the Grand Scribe, E., and Grand Registrar, to constitute new Chapters of Royal arch Masons, and Lodges of Most Excellent, Past and Mark Master Masons, within the Province.

II. The Grand Z. shall have the power and authority, whenever he shall deem it expedient, during the recess of the Grand Chapter, to grant a Dispensation under his hand, and attested by the Grand Scribe, E., under the seal of the Grand Chapter, upon the petition of nine regular registered Royal Arch Masons, and Lodges of Most Excellent, Past and Mark Master Masons, for a certain specified time, provided the said term of time shall not extend beyond the next Convocation of the Grand Chapter, when the Grand Chapter may confirm the said Dispensation and grant the petitioners a Warrant of Constitution.

III. A fee of forty dollars shall be paid for every Dispensation, and ten dollars in addition for every Warrant of Constitution.

OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

I. All legally constituted assemblies of Royal Arch Masons are called Chapters, as regular bodies of Mark Masters, Past Masters and Most Excellent Masters are called Lodges. Every Chapter ought to assemble for work at least

once in every three months, and should consist of three Principals, two Scribes, three Sojourners, and a Janitor, to which, for the better working of the Chapter, may be added other Officers.

II. Every Chapter of Royal Arch Masons throughout this jurisdiction shall have a Warrant of Constitution from the Grand Chapter, and no Chapter shall be deemed legal without such Warrant, or a Dispensation from the Grand Z. The mode of application to be by petition, signed by nine regular and registered Royal Arch Masons, specifying the place where it is intended to hold such Chapter, the day on which it is proposed to be holden, with the names of the three intended Principals.

III. The petition is to be transmitted to the Superintendent of the District in which it is intended to hold the Chapter, for his recommendation or opinion.

IV. Every Chapter shall be solemnly consecrated, according to ancient custom, by one of the Grand Principals or Superintendents of Districts, or by some Present or Past First Principal.

V. Every Chapter shall annually elect, by ballot, the First, Second and Third Principals, Scribes, E., and N., Principal Sojourner and Treasurer, and, by an open vote of the Chapter, the Janitor.

The First Principal shall annually appoint all the other Officers required for the better working of his Chapter, who are, with the elective Officers, to be regularly installed and invested.

VI. No Companion shall be eligible for the First Principal's chair, unless he be an Installed Master or Past Master of a regular Lodge, nor until he has served in the Second Principal's chair for twelve months, nor to the second until he has served in the third Principal's chair for twelve months, unless by special dispensation from the Grand First Principal.

VII. If the numbers shall, in any case, be equal, the First Principal shall have the casting vote, or he may order a new ballot at his discretion.

VIII. A Register shall be kept by each Chapter of all Companions who shall be installed as First, Second and Third Principals; and every Chapter shall notify the Grand Scribe, E., the name of every Companion so installed, with the date of his installation, and shall also notify the Grand Scribe, E., whenever any Companion who has been installed as First, Second and Third Principal, shall, from any cause whatever, cease to be a Member of the Chapter; and no Companion shall take his seat in the Grand Chapter as a Principal, or Past Principal, until his name shall have been so registered.

IX. No Companion shall fill the chair of First Principal for more than three consecutive years, nor the second and third chairs, for more than two years in succession.

X. All Warrants issued for constituting Chapters of Royal Arch Masons, must also give the power to open and hold Lodges of Most Excellent, Past and Mark Master Masons, and the First, Second and Third Principals of such Chapter, for the time being, shall be the Master and Wardens; and the other Officers of the Chapter, according to seniority.

XI. The Officers and Companions, whilst in Chapter, shall wear the Insignia of the Order, according to their rank.

XII. In case of the absence of the First Principal, his chair shall be taken by his immediate predecessor therein, or, in his absence, by the Senior Past First Principal, who shall discharge the duties of the Chapter.

XIII. In case of the death or removal of a First Principal, the Chapter shall proceed to elect a new Principal in his place, giving seven clear days' notice of such election to all the Members of the Chapter.

XIV. Every Chapter shall at least, once in each year make a return to the Grand Scribe E., specifying names, ages, professions and residences, and the dates of exaltation of the Companions exalted, together with the dates of their taking the previous degrees of Mark, Past and Most Excellent Master, and shall, at the same time, remit the registering fees, and Fees for Grand Chapter Certificates,

that may be due. Any Companion, exalted in foreign parts, whose name, therefore, is not previously registered in the books of the Grand Chapter, shall join a Chapter as a Member, his name, age, profession and Chapter shall be returned, and the same fee shall be paid as if he had been exalted in the Chapter which he may so join. The names also, of all Companions who may join from any other Chapter must be returned, and the Chapter in which they were exalted, specified. Every Mark Master must select his mark within six months from the date of his taking the degree, and a description of it shall be returned by his Chapter for record by the Grand Scribe, E.

XV. Candidates for admission into a Chapter must be duly proposed, balloted for and approved; and no one shall be admitted if on the ballot there appear two black balls.

XVI. No Mason shall be exalted to this degree unless he has been a Master Mason for three calendar months at least, except by dispensation from the first Grand Principal, which shall not however be for a shorter period than four weeks.

XVII. No Chapter shall confer the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch, upon any Brother for a less sum than twenty dollars; nor the Mark Master's degree, when given alone, for a less sum than five dollars; which sums may include the fees to the Grand Chapter, for registry and certificate. This is not however to extend to serving Companions, who may be exalted free of fee or charge, provided that a Dispensation be obtained from the First Grand Principal or Grand Superintendent of the District in which the candidate resides.

XVIII. The Registering fee to the Grand Chapter for Brethren exalted, or Companions first joining from a Foreign Chapter, shall be three dollars, including the fee for the certificate; and the fee for a Companion joining a Chapter, his name being previously registered, half a dollar.

XIX. Every Chapter shall have power to make such By-Laws as to them shall seem meet for their own private

government, provided they be not incompatible with the general laws of the Craft, or the general statutes enacted by the Grand Chapter, and which By-Laws shall be fairly copied in a book to be kept for that purpose, and a copy thereof shall be sent to the Grand Scribe, E.

XX. Every Chapter shall be subject to erasure and forfeiture of its Charter of Constitution in either of the following cases:

Omitting to hold a Meeting of the Chapter for the space of two years.

Neglecting to make any return required by the foregoing laws.

Neglecting to register annually the names of all Companions exalted, and of those who have joined the Chapter.

But no Chapter shall be erased until the Principals thereof shall have been duly summoned to show cause to the contrary to the Grand Chapter.

REGALIA.

I. The following clothing and insignia shall be worn, and no Companion shall, on any pretence, be admitted into the Grand Chapter, or any Subordinate Chapter, without his proper clothing.

No honorary or other jewel or emblem shall be worn which shall not appertain to, or be consistent with those degrees which are recognized and acknowledged by the Grand Chapter.

II. The apron is to be of white lamb-skin, or white kid-skin, from fourteen to sixteen inches wide, and from twelve to fourteen inches deep, with an indented crimson and purple border two inches wide, the crimson part pointing to the centre of the apron, the border of the flap, or lappet, to be only one inch wide, in the centre of the flap is to be a triangle of silk or satin, surrounded with gold border, and within the triangle three taus, united in gold spangled embroidery, and two gold tassels are to be suspended by

ribbons two inches wide, coming from under the flap. The Present and Past Officers of the Grand Chapter alone to have the apron trimmed with gold lace.

III. The silk or satin ground of the triangle, the lining and strings of the apron, and the ribbon suspending the tassels, for Present and Past Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter, purple and for Principals and Past Principals, of Subordinate Chapters, crimson, and for all other Companions, white.

IV. The jewel of office worn by the Present and Past Officers of the Grand Chapter, is to be suspended by a collar of three colors, viz: purple, crimson, and pale blue, four inches wide.

V. The jewels of office worn by the Principals and Officers, and also by Past Principals of Subordinate Chapters, is to be suspended by a crimson collar, four inches wide.

VI. The aprons, collars, and jewels of Officers and Members of Most Excellent, Past and Mark Master Mason's Lodges, to be similar to those worn in Craft Lodges, according to rank.

VII. The medal of the Order is to be worn on the left breast, appended according to the rank of the Companion, by a narrow ribbon, two inches wide as follows: Present and Past Officers of the Grand Chapter, tricolor, corresponding with the collar, and the Principals and Past Principals of all Subordinate Chapters, crimson, also corresponding with the collar.

The other Officers of Subordinate Chapters, and all other Companions, white.

VIII. All Jewels of this Order are to be gold or gilt.

IX. All companions are to wear the usual sash of the Order, with silk fringe at the ends, that all Present and Past Officers of the Chapter, and Past Principals of Subordinate Chapters, may wear gold fringe or bullion instead of silk.

ROBES.

First Grand and First Principal, Z.
A crimson robe trimmed with ermine.

Second Grand and Second Principal, H.
A purple robe.

Third Grand and Third Principal, J.
A blue robe.

Scribes E. and N., of Grand and Subordinate Chapters,
White robes.

The Principal and Assistant Sojourners of Grand and Subordinate Chapters,
White robes.

Pursuivants and Janitors of Grand and Subordinate Chapters,
White robes.

JEWELS.

First Grand Principal, Z.
A Crown irradiated between the legs of a pair of compasses the points resting on a triple triangle.

Second Grand Principal, H.
The All-Seeing Eye irradiated between the legs of a pair of compasses the points resting on a triple triangle.

Third Grand Principal J.
The Volume of the Sacred Law irradiated between the legs of a pair of compasses the points resting on a triple triangle.

Past Grand Principals,
The jewel appertaining to their respective offices in a circle.

Grand Superintendents of Districts,
A small triangle irradated in a double triangle enclosed within a circle on a triangle.

Past Grand Superintendents of Districts,
The same jewel omitting the small triangle irradiated.

Grand Scribes E. and N.
Cross pens with a tie within a triangle.

Principal Sojourners of Grand and Subordinate Chapters,
A square irradiated within a triangle.

Assistant Sojourners of Grand and Subordinate Chapters,
A square within triangles not irradiated.

Grand Treasurer,
A key within a triangle.

Grand Registrar,
A scroll on a pen within a triangle.

Grand Sword Bearer,
Cross swords with a tie within a triangle.

Grand Standard Bearer,
A standard with a triple tau in the centre within a triangle.

Grand Director of Ceremonies,
Cross wands, with a wreath within a triangle.

Grand Organist,
A harp within a triangle.

Grand Pursuivant,
Cross swords and wand with a coat of arms within a triangle.

Grand Janitor,
A sword.

Grand Stewards,
A triangle.

SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

First Principal, Z.
A Crown irradiated within a triangle.

Second Principal, H.
An All-Seeing eye irradiated within a triangle.

Third Principal, J.
The Volume of the Sacred Law irradiated within a triangle.

Past Principals.
The same within a circle.

Officers of Subordinate Chapters,
The emblems appertaining to their office, as in Grand Chapter, within a triangle.

FORMS.

For a Warrant of Constitution.

To the Most Excellent Grand Principals, and the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

We, the undersigned, being regular Royal Arch Masons, registered Members of the Chapters mentioned against our respective names, pray for a Warrant of Constitution, empowering us to meet as a regular Chapter at to be called on the day of and there to discharge the duties of Royal Arch Masonry in a constitutional manner, according to the Forms of the Order, and the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Chapter; and we have nominated and do recommend Companion to be First Principal, Z., Companion to be Second Principal, H., Companion to be Third Principal, J.

The prayer of this Petition being granted, we promise strict conformity to the Ancient Landmarks of the Order, and the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Chapter.

[To be signed by at least nine R. A. Masons.]

Application for Advancement.

To the Excellent Principals, Officers and Companions of Chapter No.

The undersigned, a Master Mason, respectfully prays that he may be advanced to the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master.

(Signed,)

Application for Exaltation.

To the Excellent Principals, Officers and Companions of Chapter No.

The undersigned having been advanced to the degrees of Mark, Past and Most Excellent Master Mason, respectfully prays that he may be exalted to the supreme degree of a Royal Arch Mason.

(Signed,)

RETURNS

OF

SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS,

RENDERED 31ST JANUARY, A.D. 1860.

No. 1.—ANCIENT FRONTENAC CHAPTER, KINGSTON.

ESTABLISHED—A. D., 1797.

Stated Meeting—Third Tuesday in every month.

OFFICERS.

E. Comp.	John Kerr,	Z
R. " "	James A. Henderson,	H
" "	John Robb,	J
" " "	S. D. Fowler, Scribe,	E

Number of Members.....39

No. 2.—THE HIRAM CHAPTER, HAMILTON.

ESTABLISHED—A. D., 1820.

Stated Meeting—First Monday of every Month.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp.	William Bellhouse,	Z
V. E. "	Jeremiah Taylor,	H
" "	James M. Rogerson,	J
"	W.W. Pringle, Scribe,	E

Number of Members.....64

No. 3.—ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, LONDON.

ESTABLISHED—1844.

Stated Meeting—Third Friday of every month.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp.	Edwin Heathfield,	Z
" " "	William Moore,	H
" "	Alexander S. Abbott,	J
"	John Barry, Scribe,	E

Number of Members.....43

No. 4.—ST. ANDREW'S CHAPTER, TORONTO.

ESTABLISHED—A. D., 1847.

Stated Meeting—Third Wednesday in Jan., April, July and Oct.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp.	S. B. Harman,	Z
V. "	William H. Pardy,	H
" "	William R. Harris,	J
" "	Thomas Hookey,	Scribe E

Number of Members.....90

No. 5.—ST. GEORGE'S CHAPTER, LONDON.

ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1854.

Stated Meeting—Fourth Friday in Feb., May, August and Sept.

OFFICERS.

M. E. Comp.	Thompson Wilson,	Z
R. " "	Edwin Heathfield,	H
V. " "	Thomas Mackie,	J
"	A. G. Smith,	Scribe E

Number of Members.....22

No. 6.—ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, HAMILTON.

ESTABLISHED—1855.

Stated Meeting—Second Thursday of every month.

OFFICERS

R. E. Comp.	W. C. Stephens,	Z
V. " "	M. F. Shaler,	H
" "	Hubbard Davis,	J
"	Thomas McCraken,	Scribe, E

Number of Members.....34

No. 7.—MORIA CHAPTER, BELLEVILLE.

ESTABLISHED—A. D., 1856.

Stated Meeting—First Tuesday of every month.

OFFICERS.

Z, H, J, Scribe, E } No Returns.

Number of Members.....30

No. 8—KING SOLOMON'S CHAPTER, TORONTO.

ESTABLISHED—A.D. 1857.

Stated Meeting—Third Tuesday of every month.

OFFICERS.

V. E. Comp.	S. B. Campbell,	Z
" " "	A. M. Munro,	H
" " "	Charles Pollock,	J
" " "	Daniel Spry, Scribe,	E

Number of Members.....55

No. 9.—GOLDEN RULE CHAPTER, STANSTEAD.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1858.

Stated Meeting—Tuesday, on or before full moon, in March, June, September and December.

OFFICERS.

Z, H, J, Scribe E } No Returns.

Number of Members.....21

No. 10.—KILWINNING CHAPTER, LONDON.

ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1858.

Stated Meeting—First Monday in February, May, Aug, and Nov.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp. William Daniel, Z, H, J } No Returns.
" W. G. Chambers, Scribe, E

Number of Members.....20

No. 11.—WILSON LODGE, WINDSOR.

ESTABLISHED, A.D., 1859.

Stated Meeting—First Monday of every month.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp.	W. J. Spicer	Z
" "	Thomas Boddy,	H
" "	Edwin Watson,	J

No. 12.—CATARAQUI CHAPTER, KINGSTON.

ESTABLISHED, A. D. 1850.—AFFILIATED, 1859.

Stated Meeting—Second Monday in February, May, August and November.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp. Thomas A. Angel, Z
" " Francis Milo, H
V. " " Edward J. Barker, J
" John O'Donell, Scribe, E

Number of Members 15

No. 13.—INDEPENDENT CHAPTER, QUEBEC.

ESTABLISHED, A. D. 1854.—AFFILIATED, 1859.

Stated Meeting—

OFFICERS.

Z, H, J, Scribe, E } No Returns.

Number of Members.....

No. 14.—BEDFORD DISTRICT CHAPTER, DUNHAM.

ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1859.

Stated Meeting—Tuesday preceding Full Moon of every Month.

OFFICERS.

E. Comp. David Brown, Z
" " Rev. Joseph Scott, H
" " William M. Pattison, J

Number of Members.....12

No. 15.—WAWANOSH CHAPTER, SARNIA.

ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1859.

Stated Meeting—Second Friday in Jan'y April, July and Oct.

OFFICERS.

E. Comp. James Hill Rowan, Z
" " George Masson, H
" " William P. Vidal, J
" H. D. Stewart, Scribe, E

Number of Members.....16

No. 16.—CARLETON CHAPTER, OTTAWA.

ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1859.

Stated Meeting—Second Wednesday in March, June, Sept. and Dec.

OFFICERS.

E. Comp. W. J. B. McLeod Moore, Z
" " Manuel Northrup, H
" " James Wilson, J
" Fred. Marett, Scribe, E

Number of Members, ... 30

No. 17—DORCHESTER CHAPTER, ST. JOHNS'.

ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1860.

Stated Meeting—First Thursday of every month.

OFFICERS.

E. Comp. H. L. Robinson, Z
" " J. M. Clarke, H
" " M. Mitchell, J
A. K. Laviscount, Scribe, E

Number of Members, ...10

No. 18—OXFORD CHAPTER, WOODSTOCK.

ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1860.

Stated Meeting—First Friday of every month.

OFFICERS.

E. Comp. Geo. W. Whitehead, Z
" " R. A. Woodcock, H
" " Burton Bennett, J

Number of Members 9

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER,
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M. E.	Comp.	T. Douglas Harington,	Grand	Z.
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" "	"	Alfred A. Campbell,	"	J.
" "	"	Thomas Bird Harris,	"	Scribe, E.
" "	"	Edwin Heathfield,	"	" N.
" "	"	W. J. Spicer,	"	Principal Sojourner.
" "	"	James A. Henderson,	"	Treasurer.
" "	"	Thomas J. Angel,	"	Registrar.
V. "	"	William H. Pardey,	"	First Ass't, Sojour'r.
" "	"	William H. Ponton,	"	Second " "
" "	"	Richard Pope,	"	Sword Bearer.
" "	"	Jeremiah Taylor,	"	Standard Bearer.
" "	"	William R. Harris,	"	Dir. of Ceremonies.
" "	"	J. H. Martin,	"	Organist.
" "	"	George Mason,	"	Pursuivant.
" "	"	Edward J. Barker,	"	Stewards.
" "	"	Daniel Spry,		
" "	"	Thomas Mackie,		
" "	"	Thomas Hookey,		
" "	"	James Geen,	"	Janitor.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS OF DISTRICTS.

M. E.	Comp.	Thompson Wilson,	*London District.*
" "	"	Thomas Duggan,	*Hamilton* "
" "	"	Francis Richardson,	*Toronto* "
" "	"	John C. Franck,	*Central* "

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LIST OF GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS,

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NAMES AND RESIDENCES OF GRAND SCRIBES, E.

England	Wm. Grey Clarke	London.
Scotland	Wm. Gaynor	Edinburgh.
Ireland	Hon. Geo. Handcock.	Dublin.
Alabama	Daniel Sayre	Montgomery.
Arkansas	J. H. Newbern	Little Rock.
California	L. C. Owen	San Francisco.
Connecticut	E. G. Storer	New Haven.
Florida	John B. Taylor	Tallahassee.
Georgia	B. B. Russell	Macon.
Indiana	Francis King	Indianapolis.
Illinois	H. G. Reynolds	Knoxville.
Iowa	D. S. Warren	Iowa City.
Kentucky	P. Swigert	Frankfort.
Louisiana	Samuel G. Risk	New Orleans.
Maine	Ira Berry	Portland.
Maryland	Jos. Robinson	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Thos. Waterman	Boston.
Michigan	J. Eastman Johnson	White Pigeon.
Minnesota	George W. Prescott	St. Paul's.
Mississippi	R.W. T. Daniel	Jackson.
Missouri	A. O'Sullivan	St. Louis.
New Hampshire	A. Fessenden	Concord.
New York	J.O. Cole	Albany.
New Jersey	J. Woolverton	Trenton.
North Carolina	Thomas B. Carr	Willmington.
Ohio	John D. Caldwell	Cincinnati.
Pennsylvania	Wm. Adams	Philadelphia.
Rhode Island	Thos. A. Doyle	Providence.
South Carolina	E. Thayer	Charleston.
Tennessee	C. A. Fuller	Nashville.
Texas	James M. Hall	Crockett.
Vermont	John B. Hollenbeck	Burlington.
Virginia	John Dove	Richmond.
Wisconsin	W. F. Palmer	Milwaukee.

PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE GRAND CHAPTER

OF

Royal Arch Masons of Canada,

AT THE

FOURTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

HELD

AT THE TOWN OF BELLEVILLE, ON THE THIRD WEDNESDAY,
THE 20TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, A. I. 2391—A. D. 1861.

Ordered to be read in all Chapters and preserved.

ADDRESS:

JOHN CHARLES FRANCK, BELLEVILLE, GRAND Z.
THOMAS BIRD HARRIS, HAMILTON, GRAND SCRIBE E.

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Grand Chapter of Canada.

PROCEEDINGS.

At the Fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, held at the Masonic Hall, in the town of Belleville, on the third Wednesday, the 20th day of February, A. L. 5861, A. D. 1861,—

PRESENT.

R. E. Comp. Thomas Duggan, as Grand Z.
" " Samuel D. Fowler, as " H.
" " Alfred A. Campbell, " J.
on the Throne.

" " Thomas B. Harris, Grand Scribe E.
" " Edwin Heathfield, " " N.
" " John Wonnacott, as " Principal Sojourner.
" " L. H. Henderson, as " Treasurer.
" " Thomas J. Angel, " Registrar.
V.E. " Donald Moodie, as " 1st Assistant Sojourner.
" " William H. Ponton, " 2nd " "
" " Manuel Northrup, as " Sword Bearer.
" " David Curtis, as " Director of Ceremonies.
" " George S. Graham, as " Organist.
" " C. J. Starling, as " Pursuivant.
" " Geo. J. Gillespie, } as " Stewards.
" " Jas. A. Preston, }
" James Geen, " Janitor.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS OF DISTRICTS.

R. E. Comp. John C. Franck, Central District.
" " Thomas Duggan, Hamilton "

PAST.

R. E. Comp. William B. Simpson, Central District.

A constitutional number of Chapters being represented, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada was opened in Due form.

The Grand Scribes E. and N. having examined the Register, reported the following Representatives and Proxies of regularly Warranted Chapters, also, the Representatives and Proxies of Chapters under Dispensation, present, and recommend that they be admitted and take part in the proceedings of Grand Chapter :—

No. 1. ANCIENT FRONTENAC, KINGSTON.

R. E. Comp. Samuel D. Fowler, P.G.H., P.Z.
" George F. La Serre, Z.
" " E. H. Parker, J.
" " " W. B. Simpson, P. G. Sup't.

No. 2. THE HIRAM, HAMILTON.

R. E. Comp. Thomas Duggan, P.G.H., P.Z.

No. 3. ST. JOHN'S, LONDON.

R. E. Comp. Edwin Heathfield, P.Z.

No. 5. ST. GEORGE'S, LONDON.

R. E. Comp. Edwin Heathfield, P.Z., (proxy.)

No. 6. ST. JOHN'S, HAMILTON.

R. E. Comp. Thos. B. Harris, Z.

No. 7. MOIRA, BELLEVILLE.

R. E. Comp. J. C. Franck, Z.
" " A. A. Campbell, P.Z.
" " F. W. Alport, P.H.
" " John Wonnacott, P.Z.
" " L. H. Henderson, J.

No. 8. KING SOLOMON'S, TORONTO.

Comp. J. Meudell.
E. " David Curtis, Jun., (proxy.)

No. 9. GOLDEN RULE, STANSTEAD.

R. E. Comp. T. B. Harris, (proxy.)

No. 10. KILWINNING, LONDON.

R. E. Comp. E. Heathfield, (proxy.)

No.12. CATARAQUI, KINGSTON.

E. Comp. T. Milo, Z.
R. " " Thos. J. Angel, P.Z.

No.16. CARLETON, OTTAWA.

E. Comp. Manuel Northrup, Z.

No.17. DORCHESTER, ST. JOHN'S.

R. E. Comp. Thos. B. Harris, (proxy.)

U.D. MOUNT MORIAH, ST. CATHARINES.

E. Comp. David Curtis, Jun., (proxy)

U.D. MOUNT HOREB, BRANTFORD.

E. Comp. David Curtis, Jun., Z.

On motion, the Report from the Grand Scribes was received and adopted.

The M. E. Grand Council gave permission for all Royal Arch Masons, members of Chapters and in good standing, to be admitted.

A large number of Companions being in attendance, they were admitted as visitors.

The Grand Scribe E. read the Rules and Regulations for the government of Grand Chapter during public business.

It was moved by R. E. Companion Edwin Heathfield, seconded by R. E. Comp. J. C. Franck, and adopted,—

That inasmuch as the proceedings at the last annual Convocation held at the city of Hamilton, on the 8th day of February, A.D. 1860; also, of an especial Convocation, held at the city of Ottawa, on the 13th July, A.D. 1860, having been printed, and the same having been issued to all the Chapters, the minutes be considered, read, and as such confirmed.

The Grand Scribe E. informed the Grand Chapter that he had received a letter from the M. E. Companion T. Douglas Harington, G. Z., from his residence at Quebec, which had been despatched several days in advance of the meeting, in consequence of the uncertainty attached to the arrival and departure of the trains, caused by the heavy fall of snow, in which he desires, should unforeseen circumstances preclude the possibility of his reaching

this place in time for the opening of this Grand Convocation, to express his regrets for such unavoidable absence, and requests me to submit the following address on various subjects for the consideration of Grand Chapter :—

ADDRESS.

To the Most Excellent, the Grand Chapter of R. A. Masons of Canada, assembled in Annual Convocation, at Belleville.

Right Excellent & Excellent Companions,

The arrival of the period, for holding the Annual Convocation, has once again caused you to assemble together as the Representatives of R. A. Masonry, in Canada, and while I congratulate you on the steady and satisfactory progression of our Order, I can, with truth, assure you that nothing has occurred, to my knowledge, to mar its harmony. My official duties have been light in consequence, and the expiring year leaves behind it no vain and sad regrets.

I have granted Dispensations for two new Chapters, since the last Annual Convocation, viz :—

Mount Moriah, R. A. C., *St. Catherines.*
Mount Horeb, " *Brantford.*

the Petitions for which came to me properly prepared and recommended, and it remains for Grand Chapter, if such shall be its pleasure, to confirm the said Dispensations, and grant the Petitioners Warrants of Constitution. The Chapters now acknowledging the authority of this Grand Chapter, are twenty in number, and their condition, as well as the general state of R. A. Masonry, in the several Districts, will of course be explained in the Reports of the respective Grand Superintendents, to be laid before you in accordance with the Constitution.

With the Grand Chapters of our Mother Country and the United States, we are in most friendly communication, and a Report on Foreign Correspondence will be laid before you, prepared by R. E. Comp. Franck, who most kindly undertook to complete it, being an addition to his responsible duties of Grand Superintendent of the Central District, for which he has my thanks, and will have, I doubt not, those of the Grand Chapter.

The Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter, of Scotland, has expressed a desire for the appointment of mutual Representatives, and in pursuance of that object, R. E. Comp. William Hay, P. Z., of St. John's, R. A. C., Toronto, under the Registry of Scotland, favored me with the following friendly communication :—

(Copy.) Toronto, 25th January, 1861.

My Dear Sir & M. E. Comp.,

I have the honor of receiving a commission, dated 19th Dec'r, 1860, from the Supreme Grand R. A. Chapter of Scotland, authorizing me to appear for them, and act as their Representative in the Grand Chapter of Canada. I need not say that it will afford me the highest gratification to take the earliest opportunity of meeting your Grand Body, and presenting my credentials. The Supreme Chapter, through its Grand Scribe E., expresses a wish that your Grand Chapter should be represented in Scotland, and suggests the names of two Companions, either of whom would be acceptable to them, if agreeable to you, viz: Alex. James Stewart, Esq., W. S. Edinburgh, Grand Clerk to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, or Donald Campbell, Esq., Glasgow, Grand P. J., of the Grand Chapter.

I have the honor to be,
My dear Sir, & M. E. Comp.
Fraternally yours,
(Signed,) WILLIAM HAY.

The M. Excellent,
The Grand Principal Z.,
Of the Grand Chapter of Canada,
T. D. Harington, Esq., Quebec.

I have therefore, in accordance with the Constitution, to request the sanction of the Grand Chapter to the appointment of Comp. A. J. Stewart, (the first of the two gentlemen submitted) to represent it in the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, and the confirmation of Companion Hay's appointment, with such rank as the Grand Chapter may deem to be appropriate.

I consider it to be my duty to call your attention to certain proceedings of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, which took place at its Quarterly Convocation, holden on the first August last. No official announcement has been made, but the proceedings have been published in the London Freemason's Magazine, of the 4th of that month, a periodical devoted to the Craft, and which has received a semi-official permission to report. I quote for your guidance as follows:—

SUPREME G. CHAPTER OF ENGLAND.

"The Quarterly Convocation of Grand Chapter, was holden on Wednesday last the first instant, (August.)

"The M. E. Z., stated that the first business to be brought before the companions, was the question of granting a Warrant for a R. A. Chapter, to be attached to the Dalhousie Lodge (No. 835,) at Ottawa, Canada West. That Lodge had always

remained firm in its allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England, but a question had arisen how far the Grand Chapter of England could grant Warrants for new Chapters in Canada, without infringing on the rights of the Grand Chapter of Canada. The question has been referred to the Grand Principals for consideration, and they had arrived at the conclusion, that looking at the position of the Dalhousie Lodge, it would be no infringement of the rights of the Grand Chapter of Canada, to grant the Warrant for a new Chapter, as prayed."

"It was moved and seconded, that the prayer of the petition be granted."

Before, however, the motion was put, it was suggested that it would be better to place upon record the motives for granting the Petition, and so to frame the resolution, as to avoid giving offence to the Grand Chapter of Canada, which suggestion was concurred in by the mover, and the Resolution, carried unanimously, was as follows:

"That the Charter for the Chapter prayed for to be attached to the Dalhousie Lodge (No. 835,) at Ottawa, be granted, the Supreme Grand Chapter being of opinion that the granting of such Charter is necessary to complete the degrees of Freemasonry, and is therefore part of the privileges of a Craft Lodge, which privileges it has been stipulated and agreed to be secured to all Lodges holding under the Grand Lodge of England in Canada."

The Grand Chapter will thus perceive that the right is claimed to attach a Chapter to every Lodge in Canada, now acknowledging the authority of the Grand Lodge of England, although this Grand Chapter has been fully recognized as having jurisdiction throughout the Province, and the only condition the Supreme Grand Chapter of England affixed to its complete recognition, on the 10th February, 1860, was—"a reservation in favor of all Chapters, now in Canada, who are still holding Charters under it, as also of all English R. A. Masons, of all their rights, titles, and privileges, as fully and freely as though the Grand Chapter of Canada had not been formed."

The laws of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England—Private Chapters, Art. 1,—declare, "that every Chapter shall be attached to some Warranted Lodge," &c.,—and No. 2,—"that no Lodge can form or hold a Chapter, unless," &c.,—by which, and the fact of certain officers of the Grand Lodge of England, being ex-officio officers of the Supreme Grand Chapter, and also that No. 2, of the English Articles of Union, of 1813, specifies that "pure ancient Masonry consists of three degrees, and no more, viz:—those of the Entered Apprentice, the Fellow Craft and the Master Mason, (including the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch,)"—the

connection between Grand Chapter and Grand Lodge is, I imagine, preserved, as the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of England, is altogether silent on the subject.

This peculiarity of the Constitutions of England, so different to our own, and that of other Grand Bodies, must be borne in mind, although there seems to be an inconsistency in a Grand Chapter granting a Charter for a Chapter, because it is "part of the privileges of a Craft Lodge." The privilege is certainly not looked upon as a right, because if it were so considered, every Lodge would have its Chapter as a matter of course, whereas the Supreme Grand Chapter of England sometimes refuses the prayer for one, and even where the Charter is granted, the members of the Craft Lodge, to which it is attached, do not possess the privilege of being exalted in it, without undergoing the ordeal of proposal, ballot, &c., so that it is really distinct and independent.

I cannot help feeling sorry that the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, acceded to the present application, for the act is one liable to create doubt, to say the least of it, and the members of Dalhousie Lodge could apply to the English Chapters, at present in existence in Canada, "for the completion of their Degrees," as defined by England.

You will understand on what ground the claim is based, by a perusal of the Resolution, and I recommend the matter to your serious consideration, as one calculated to create misunderstanding with a friendly Body, unless set at rest by the position of such proposed new Chapters being defined, and the Supreme Grand Chapter of England advised of your action in the premises without loss of time. It is almost needless to state that the Charter, thus reported to be granted, has not received any recognition from me, the Grand Chapter being the legitimate authority to decide as to its merits, and the solution of the question requires calm, and at the same time, friendly discussion and deliberation.

I think of nothing further, unless to remind you, as the period fixed by the Constitution has arrived for the annual election of the officers, and also for naming the place at which the next Convocation is to be holden, that a notice of motion for altering the time of holding it appears in the proceedings, (page 51, 1859) and has not been withdrawn or disposed of. I cannot help inviting the attention of the Grand Chapter to the fact, that Companions are now summoned from their homes at the most inclement, and uncertain period of the year, and there is a very natural hesitation about incurring the risk of detention, and perhaps suffering on the journey. The extremely severe weather of this present February has been brought home to all travellers, and to my very great regret, it effectually prevented me from meeting my Montreal brethren recently, and I feel no certainty of being able to reach

you, owing to a similar stoppage of the road. Very full attendance can hardly be looked for or exacted from Companions who reside at a distance from the various places periodically chosen, and consequently business brought before the Convocation has to be transacted by the few, and absent Companions have to be elected to office whose installation or investiture cannot be accomplished in the manner laid down by the Constitution. I think this is a matter deserving your attention, and as a question involving the well-doing of Grand Chapter, and the comfort and convenience of Companions I submit it to you.

R. E. Companion Harris, Scribe E., will furnish you with all financial information, and in making mention of him, I cannot refrain from bearing testimony to his great attention to the duties appertaining to that responsible officer. The Committee to whom was entrusted the preparation of the charters and Grand Chapter certificates, having completed the task, no further delay will take place in their distribution.

In conclusion, R. E. and E. Companions, I beg to assure you of my anxious desire to promote the prosperity of our Order, and my hearty good wishes for your individual happiness. May the G. A. O. T. U. continue His mercies to us all! I now return to your ranks as a companion member, but your claim to my constant exertions will always be responded to, and quickened by the grateful remembrance I shall ever entertain of your kindness and confidence.

T. DOUGLAS HARINGTON,

Grand Z., G.C. of Canada.

QUEBEC, 10th February, 1861.

It was moved by E. Comp. D. Curtis, seconded by R.E. Comp. E. Heathfield, and adopted,—

That the address from the M. E. Z., be referred to the following Special Committee and to report thereon at an early hour, viz :— R. E. Companion J. C. Franck, V. E. Companion W. H. Ponton and E. Companion D. Curtis, Jr.

The Grand Scribe E. submitted and read the following Report from the Grand Superintendent for the London District :—

REPORT.

LONDON, 12th February, 1861.

To the G. Chapter of R. A. Masons of Canada.

In compliance with the regulations of Grand Chapter, I have the honor to submit a report on the condition of R. A. Masonry in my District.

We have in this District six Chapters, including the new Chapter at Woodstock, the Principals of which I had the pleasure of installing on the 5th instant; and from present appearances, this Chapter promises to be useful in spreading this beautiful degree of our Order, for they have already received sixteen petitions from brethren wishing to be exalted to Royal Arch Masons; and if the Principals are cautious to confer the degrees in a proper manner, there is no doubt but the Oxford Chapter will prosper. The other Chapters, I may say, are in almost a quiescent state, and doing very little work.

At the last regular Grand Convocation, I had intended to give notice of motion that the veils be dispensed with; but as the First Grand Principal was not present, and I had to take the chair, I deemed it better to defer doing so until the present meeting.

I therefore now give notice, that at the next regular convocation of Grand Chapter, I will move that the veils be not used in the ceremony of exaltation, as they have no reference to that degree.

We have adopted the English ritual—the only rational mode of conferring the degree—and we ought not to depart from it. Moreover, our M.E.G.Z. has pledged his word to the M.E.G.Z., of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, that "English R.A.Masons can enter our Chapters freely," &c.; but if the veils *must* be used, how could an English R. A. Mason enter our Chapters who could not give the pass-words on passing the veils? The masters of veils would stop them and where is the 1st Principal who has taken an obligation to uphold and maintain the laws and regulations of the Grand Chapter of Canada, that would order them to be admitted without the pass-word? At present the work of the veils has not been promulgated in this section of the province, therefore the Principals are under no difficulty. There are many other reasons why the veils should not be used in the R. A. Degree, but these may be sufficient to draw the attention of the companions to the subject before the next regular Convocation. In the meantime I would advise the companions to consider well what the real pass-words of the veils are. There is a great difference in giving them, which I hope to be able to explain when I submit

my motion to Grand Chapter. I have entered into these remarks here, because I fear I shall not be able to attend the present Grand Chapter, to give notice of my motion in person.

All which I have the honor to submit,

THOMPSON WILSON,
Grand Supt. for the London District.

The Grand Scribe E. submitted and read the following report from the Grand Superintendent for the Eastern Townships District.

REPORT.

WATERLOO, C. E. January 30th, 1861.

To R. E. Comp. Thos. B. Harris, Grand Scribe E., Grand Chapter of Canada.

DEAR SIR, & R. E. COMP.

I beg leave most respectfully to forward you herewith, for the information of the Grand Chapter, a brief account of the state of Royal Arch Masonry, in the Eastern Townships District, over which I have the honor to preside.

This District contains three Chapters, viz:—"Golden Rule," at Stanstead; "Bedford District," at Dunham; and "Dorchester," at St. Johns, all of which are still acting under confirmed Dispensations.

Golden Rule exhibits fair prosperity, and a prospect of a large increase to the number of its members. This Chapter still works according to the United States system, but the present First Principal, R. E. Comp. Gustin, (to whom the Chapter owes its existence) has informed the Companions that old age and infirm health, will prevent his taking the same active part in their work, as heretofore, and having declined to hold the office any longer, a younger Companion will be his successor, who, I doubt not, will adopt our system of work. The "Bedford District" Chapter has, thus far, made but little progress, not having, as yet, conferred the R. A. Degree, but a number of applications are before it, and another year will, I am confident, show a marked improvement.

The first Convocation of "Dorchester" Chapter, (of which I had the honor of being appointed First Principal) was held in April last, since then nine Candidates have been exalted according to the system of work adopted by the Grand Chapter of Canada.

Other applications are before it, and taking into account the fact that two of the Principals, and nearly one half of its members,

reside at a distance of forty miles, I think that few Chapters in the Province can show equal prosperity.

I have the honor to be,
Dear Sir, and R. E. Comp.,
Yours fraternally,
H. L. ROBINSON,
Grand Supt., Eastern Townships District.

The Grand Scribe E, also read the following Report from the Grand Superintendent for the Hamilton District :—

REPORT.

HAMILTON, February 9th, 1861.

Thos. B. Harris, Esq., G. S. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

DEAR SIR AND R. E. COMPANION,

In accordance with a regulation of Grand Chapter, I have the pleasure to submit a circumstantial report of my proceedings, as Grand Superintendent for the Hamilton District, during the past masonic year.

On my assuming the labors of this office, in February last, two chapters, viz :—"The Hiram," No. 2, and the "St. John's," No 6, came under my supervision, both of which are situated in this City, thereby affording me frequent opportunity of attendance, and witnessing the work performed, which although differing in many respects from that heretofore practised, is undoubtedly much more in consonance with the feelings of the great majority of the Companions; it is also properly and correctly worked, and in accordance with the recognized ritual of Grand Chapter.

I have recommended two petitions for new Chapters, both of which have received dispensations from the M. E. Z.

On the 22nd day of January, accompanied and assisted by the Grand Scribe E., the past District Superintendent, R. E. Companion Magill and other Companions from this place, I visited the Town of St. Catharines, and Installed the Principals of the "Mount Moriah" Chapter, under a Dispensation from the M. E. Z.

On the 31st January, accompanied by the G. S. E., the Past Grand Treasurer and other Companions, I visited the Town of Brantford, and Installed the principles of "Mount Horeb" Chapter, likewise under a Dispensation from the M. E. Z.

Here may be a fitting opportunity to remark, that two petitions for new Chapters, emanated from the Companions of Brantford, and its neighbourhood, closely following each other, both of which

were transmitted to the M. E. Z. The almost simultaneous application for two Charters for the same town, induced the G.Z., to delay for a time compliance with the prayer of either petition, desiring that some amicable arrangement, if possible, should be arrived at, as he deemed one Chapter sufficient for the Town.

Subsequently, a somewhat modified petition, containing the name of another Companion nominated for second Principal, with an explanatory letter, was received, and to which I gave my recommendation ; it was sanctioned by the M. E. Z.,who directed a Dispensation to be issued. Previously, however, to the Installation of the officers of the "Mount Horeb" Chapter, the Memorial hereunto appended was handed to me by Companions Mulloch and Henwood, which sets forth a grievance at not being the fortunate recipients of the Charter.

I felt it my duty, having previously recommended the prayer of the petition, for which a Dispensation had been obtained from the M. E. Z., and as no charge was contained in the Memorial to the prejudice of the Companions named in the Dispensation, and also learning from conversation had with the Memorialists, that the objection raised, sprung more from a question of a personal character, as to who should be the first presiding officer, than a truly Masonic feeling, to proceed with the installation of the Principals, and refer the Memorial to the Grand Chapter for such action as it may deem requisite.

In conclusion, I desire to call the attention of Grand Chapter to an amendment to the Constitution, authorized at the last Especial Convocation, held at Ottawa, to be found at page 52, printed proceedings for 1860. Art. 6, "of Private Chapters," which requires the First Principal of every Chapter to be an "Installed Master, or Past Master of a Symbolic Lodge" and to suggest a re-consideration of this clause, inasmuch as the requirement works prejudicially to the progress and advancement of Royal Arch Masonry in this and most other parts of the province.

All which is respectfully submitted,

THOS. DUGGAN,
G. S., H. District.

The Grand Superintendent for the Central District submitted and read the following Report :—

To the Most Excellent the Grand Council, Principals and Companions of the Grand Chapter of R. A. Masons of Canada.

My Report as Superintendent of the Central District of Royal Arch Masons will be very brief. The number of Chapters in the District have not increased during the past year, and the duty of

the Superintendent to watch the interests of four chapters is necessarily light. The flourishing condition and prosperity of the oldest (the "Ancient Frontenac" Chapter, of Kingston) remains undisturbed, and the "Moira" of Belleville, next in order as to seniority, meets with unabated success. The "Cataraqui" Chapter of Kingston, is still slightly suffering from the weakness of infancy; the great merit of its officers however (all veterans in the Craft, and determined to progress) leads me to believe in the certainty of ultimate prosperity.

The young "Carlton" Chapter of the City of Ottawa, is as ambitious as the young City itself, and I may say with equal success, the quantity and quality of material here found fit for the building is indeed remarkable, and lead to the very highest anticipations that the Chapter, if properly guided, must take a stand among its sisters, second to none in the Province. That illustrious Mason, Colonel W. J. B. McLeod Moore, has opened, and thus far conducted the Chapter, and is rewarded by the esteem in which he is held by all and every, the Companions of the Chapter, for the ability and urbanity with which he has ever presided over their labors. Some irregularities have crept into this Chapter, by the electing of officers for the present year, on account of the absence of the First and Second Principals, and the consequent impossibility of opening the Chapter in a Mark Lodge, and also by asking a dispensation to instal a worthy Companion in the first Chair, before he had lawfully served in the second and third, while the Second Principal of last year was willing and able to perform the duty, and no cause was shown for his non-election, excepting his living at considerable distance from the City, which, however, could only prove an inconvenience to himself, not to the Chapter, as he declared himself willing to attend all meetings, and to resign, if such should prove impossible.

I early overcame both these irregularities, on the occasion of my official visit on the 16th of January last, by ordering an election of officers, (under the circumstances, it could hardly be called a new one) which resulted in the choice of the last Second Principal as first Principal. In this Chapter also, an unfortunate difference arose between two Companions. The Chapter proceeded to a trial by Committee, which resulted in the exculpation of the accused, to the great dissatisfaction of the Companion complaining and others. Under such circumstances, the Past First Principal has considered it prudent to bring the case under the consideration of the Grand Chapter, and for that purpose has, some weeks ago, sent me the documents connected with the case at issue, hereunto annexed. I am not aware whether either party has any evidence to lay before this Grand Chapter, nor do I venture any opinion on the case which has in no wise been referred to me.

The slow increase in the number of Chapters in the Central District is, it appears to me, rather a source of congratulation than regret, proving clearly that the Companions will not commence in haste, where a fear exists that they may have to repent at leisure; better that few Chapters should exist and flourish, than that many should spring up and decay. There is indeed a probability of two or three applications for new Chapters within the next year, but I doubt not, that the Companions about to apply have well considered their chances of success, and base their petitions upon real Masonic necessity, on account of distance from other Chapters, and consequent present inability, to further the interests of the Craft.

Before closing this Report, I beg to tender my sincere thanks to the Companions of the Central District, for the uniform kindness extended to me during the two years I have had the honor of holding the position of Grand Superintendent of this District.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. C. FRANCK,
Grand Supt. Central District.

G. C. R. A. MASONS OF CANADA,
January 20th, A. I., 2391.

On motion of R. E. Companion S. D. Fowler, seconded by R. E. Companion J. C. Franck and adopted.—

The reports from the Grand Superintendents were received and referred to the following Special Committee, viz:—E. Comp's George F. LaSerre, Thos. J. Angel and E. Heathfield.

The following Committee was appointed to audit the books and vouchers of the Grand Scribe E., viz: E. Comp. Parker, Milo and Henderson.

A letter was read from V. E. Comp. Daniel Spry, asking information with reference to the titles of officers in the Mark, Past and Most Excellent Masters degrees.

The letter was referred to the following Special Committee, viz: R. E. Comp. Fowler, Simpson and Harris.

R. E. Comp. J. C. Franck, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, specially appointed by the M. E. Z., submitted and read the following report:

REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence beg leave most respectfully to report, that they have received from the Grand Scribe Ezra, the proceedings of nineteen Grand Chapters in the United States, namely: Arkansas, Alabama, Connecticut, Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Michigan, Missouri, New York, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia and Wisconsin.

Those of Alabama and Indiana are of 1859; of Iowa, North Carolina, and Virginia, of 1859 and 1860; of New Jersey, since the formation of the Grand Chapter in 1856, to 1860; all the others of 1860.

Your Committee in the discharge of their duty have endeavored to make such extracts from the various proceedings submitted, as may, and they hope will, be of interest to the craft in this jurisdiction. While carefully considering the condition and jurisprudence of the order in the neighboring States, they have also embodied in this report some statistical information, the opinions expressed by others of our actions, and some of the most sound and moral precepts, advice and experience, most eloquently and beautifully expressed in many of the addresses and reports of Grand High Priests and others.

Before entering on the consideration of the proceedings of the various Grand Chapters above named, your Committee, on a careful perusal of their transactions, are very much pleased indeed to find in one and all of them, the assurance that great and general prosperity reward the labors of love of our Companions abroad, and that brotherly love, relief and truth, prevail in their temples.

Your Committee have passed over, as of little interest to your Grand Body, the lengthy remarks contained in all the proceedings under review, concerning the last triennial meeting of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, which General Grand Chapter appears a great bone of contention; its constitution, continuance or dissolution, is actively canvassed, and while some desire to dissolve their connection therewith, a majority appear to advocate the continuance and support thereof.

Your Committee will now submit their extracts from and remarks, on the proceedings of the Grand Chapters above enumerated, which, for that purpose, they have alphabetically arranged.

ARKANSAS.

The Grand Chapter dates the last Annual Convocation, November 1st, A.D., 1860, A.I., 2394. The Grand High Priest, in a short opening address, notes, that promising sons of Royal

Arch Masons, whose means are not sufficient to educate them, are admitted into St. John's College, and receive their education free of expense. This college was founded by the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of the State, for educating the sons of deceased and indigent Masons. Truly a good and masonic example worthy of imitation, and which our Committee recommend to the careful consideration of this Grand Body.

The proceedings do not contain any report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. E. H. Whitfield, was elected Grand High Priest and James W. Finley, Grand Secretary.

ALABAMA.

Proceedings, dated 6th December, 1859. The Deputy G. H. P., S. A. M. Wood, addressed the Grand Chapter, on account of the unavoidable absence of M. E. David Clopton, G. H. P. The Address, as well as the proceedings, are merely of local interest. There is a very able report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, who, when speaking of Massachusetts, allude to Canada in the following manner:—"And with respect to the Grand Chapter of Canada, (they say) it was established and organised in direct violation of masonic authority and usage. We (the Committee of Alabama) do not concur in this opinion, and think our Grand Chapter is properly in correspondence with our Companions in Canada."

S. A. M. Wood, was elected Grand High Priest, and Daniel Sayre, Grand Secretary.

CONNECTICUT.

Opening of Grand Chapter dated May 8, 1860—R.A.M. 2394.

Your Committee recommend to the careful consideration of subordinate Chapters the following remarks, extracted from the Address of M. E. Samuel Tripp, G.H.P.:—

"It is to be hoped that he members of the several Chapters are careful as "to the character of the materials brought up for the building."

"True prosperity does not consist so much in the swelling of our numbers as in the moral and intellectual fitness of the few who are admitted within the veils. The benefits of Masonry were not designed for the masses, but rather for the select few, in all ages of the world, who prove themselves 'worthy and well qualified.' If we guard well the portals of the Masonic edifice; it, in answering the calls of those who occasionally knock at our doors, we admit only the wise and the good; we shall thus preserve in its purity the glorious inheritance received from our fathers, and transmit it unsullied to our posterity."

The G.H.P. notices the receipt of a card from the new Grand Chapter of the State of Minnesota, which was organised on the 17th day of December, 1859, and of which M.E. A.T.C. Pierson, was elected G.H.P., and R. E. George W. Prescott, G. Secretary.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is ably written, and reviews the proceedings of twenty Grand Chapters—Canada not included.

Frederick F. Calhoun, elected Grand High Priest, and Eliphalet G. Storer, Grand Secretary.

ILLINOIS.

The eleventh Annual Communication opened on the 28th day of September, A.D., 1860, A.I., 2390.

G. H. Priest, N. D. Elwood, sent his address, which opens by stating to the Companions, that "having been recently bereft of a darling child, he had not the heart to absent himself from home at that time." In his absence, M. E. Comp. William W. Mitchell occupied the throne.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, in noticing Canada, says: "Every thing in all degrees of Masonry in the Province indicate great prosperity and harmony."

The proceedings are short and contain nothing requiring particular comment.

Nelson D. Elwood, was elected G.H.P., and Harman G. Reynolds, Grand Secretary.

IOWA.

Proceedings for A.D., 1859 and 1860, A.I., 2389 and 2390,—sixth Annual Convocation opening September 7th, 1859, and the seventh, August 15th, 1860.

The following appropriate remarks are from the opening address of M. E. Comp. E. M. Eastman, G.H.P. :—

"It is to be lamented that so many of our public addresses are made anti-masonic by bestowing so much adulation upon masonic charity, which should never be named in public. This, and proselyting, which is equally objectionable, have induced many to seek admission into our order for purely mercenary purposes. Such persons are nominally members of the order, but they are not *Masons*—the heart of a Mason is not in them. They usually make merchandise of the institution, as hypocrites and apostates do of the church, for their own aggrandizement. Among this class may safely be counted itinerant lecturers and speculators in masonic jewels and regalia, and advertisers under masonic symbols. We would naturally distrust a merchant, if he were to advertise that he was a member of the Methodist, or Presbyterian, or

Congregationalist, or Catholic church, with the design of obtaining the exclusive custom of those sects of Christians. Masons who do these things are usually rotten at heart, and should be discountenanced by the fraternity. These things should be regarded rather as marks of suspicion than attraction."

The Committee on Jurisprudence report in a case of Dubuque Chapter: "During the year the hall of this Chapter was burned, and the Charter thereby lost; whereupon the Chapter applied to the Grand High Priest for a dispensation to enable them to work until the present Convocation. The Grand High Priest granted the same, under a precedent of like character, though fully of opinion that no necessity existed for his interposition in the premises. The principle is plain, that it is the action of the Grand Chapter that gives and continues existence to a Chapter, and the Charter is only evidence thereof. Yet inasmuch as the Secretary has no authority, during the recess of the Grand Chapter, to duplicate lost Charters—and as the members desire, and visitors require, tangible evidence of the legal existence of their Chapter—the granting of the Dispensation was well enough."

The same Committee report that they are "fully of opinion that Grand Chapter possesses not the power to restore to membership a suspended Companion upon a proper showing, while such Companion remains a suspended mason by the action of a symbolic lodge;" and the Committee assert, that "such is not only the positive law of their own Grand Chapter, but the usages of Masonry."

The Grand Secretary adopts the paging of the proceedings of Grand Chapter continuously for binding purposes.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is short but ably written.

Kimball Porter, was elected Grand High Priest, and W. B. Langridge, Grand Secretary.

INDIANA.

The whole of the proceedings of this Grand Chapter, which opened the Annual Convocation on the 22nd of May, A. I., 2390, A.D., 1860, were of a local nature, and offer nothing of special interest to the Royal Craft outside the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter.

No report on Foreign Correspondence.

To the question asked of the Grand High Priest, "Can a non-affiliating Master Mason hold membership in a Chapter?" he answers, "No, he cannot." His argument is as follows:—"I believe the original intent of Royal Arch Masonry was, that their

members should maintain a good standing and membership in a lodge of Craft Masons. Analogy—the relation of Lodge and Chapter Masonry; and the general laws of Royal Arch Masonry teach this. The fact that a Companion being expelled by a lodge, deprives him, without the action of a Chapter, of all the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry, teaches the same doctrine most plainly. * * * I hold this to be a rule, that in order to get or hold membership in a Chapter, a Companion must maintain a membership in a lodge, or the right of affiliation, which right of affiliation may be held in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Indiana under a demit for six months, after the granting of the demit. The whole intent of granting a demit is, that the individual receiving it may move his membership to some other Lodge or Chapter, and it certifies to the Lodge or Chapter to which it is presented, the character the bearer had in the Lodge or Chapter from which he came, and guarantees affiliation a reasonable and sufficient length of time for him to gain a membership where he may desire it. An impossibility to obtain a membership—as a great distance from a Lodge, sickness, or other unavoidable circumstances—should always be construed in favor of the holder of the demit.

"A demit should not be granted to any one, simply because he desires to get rid of his membership. If that be his object, he may be voted leave to *withdraw*, but without a *demit*."

William Hacker, was elected G.H.P., and Francis King, Grand Secretary.

KENTUCKY.

The proceedings of the Grand Annual Convocation commenced on the 15th day of October, A.D., 1860, A.L., 5860, and opened with a short report from Grand High Priest concerning the state of Masonry in his jurisdiction. He says there are Chapters in more than half the counties in the State, and in some two or three. The average is about one Chapter to four working Lodges, while the membership is about one Royal Arch Mason to six Master Masons.

This Grand Chapter appears to be in a most flourishing condition. The treasurer's accounts show property in Bank Stock and City Bonds, besides cash on hand, nearly six thousand dollars.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence bring in a brief report, saying of Canada, "Suffice it to say, that the Canada Grand Chapter is prospering, and we very much hope it will continue so to do as long as time shall last."

This Grand Chapter considered also a report of the committee appointed to revise the Constitutional Rules, and adopts fifty-two

Rules, out of which the following two, and portions of a third, are extracted :—

"In the election of Grand Officers of this Grand Chapter, those Companions who shall receive the lowest number of votes for any office, or who shall not be voted for at all on the first ballot, shall not be afterwards voted for in a succeeding ballot for the same office."

"The fiscal year of Chapters subordinate to this Grand Chapter, shall end on the — day of — of each year."

"If any Companion be under sentence of suspension or expulsion from a Lodge of Master Masons, he cannot be entitled to any rights and privileges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter."

Theodore N. Wise, was elected G.H.P., and Philip Swigert, Grand Secretary.

LOUISIANA.

The thirteenth Annual Convocation is dated February 14th, A.D., 1860, A.I., 2394.

Nothing of particular interest to Royal Arch Masonry, outside of Louisiana, was transacted during the session. The Grand High Priest, in his opening address, deplores the death of M. E. Past Grand High Priest, Amos Adams, for years the Chairman of Committee on Correspondence, also appointed to that office at the last preceding convocation, which accounts for the want of a report from that committee.

The Officers elected were, A. J. Norwood, Grand High Priest, and Samuel G. Risk, Grand Secretary.

MAINE.

Grand Chapter convened, April 30th, A. D., 1860, A. I., 2390.

The able opening address of M. E. Moses Dodge, G.H.P., is worthy the perusal and admiration of every Royal Arch Mason, and your Committee cannot forego the pleasure of giving the opening and closing remarks in full. They doubt not the Companions will join them in admiring the sentiments so beautifully expressed. The opening remarks are as follows :—

"Once more, through the mercy and kindness of our Great High Priest above, we are permitted to meet in this our earthly tabernacle, here to bow at our holy altar in devout acknowledgement of his goodness to us through the changing scenes and incidents of another year, and humbly to implore him to 'lift upon us the light of his countenance,' and impart unto us wisdom to guide us while at this our annual convocation we deliberate upon matters pertaining to the interest, welfare, and prosperity of our dearly cherished institution."

"Since last we parted here, time has enrolled upon the records of the past the transactions of another masonic year—another year's journey has hastened us on toward 'the undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveller returns'—the imprint of our footfalls has been marked nearer and nearer yet to the boundary of another world, and we have this day arrived at another milestone or crossing, where, after the wearied labors of the year, we meet, lover like, at our masonic trysting place."

"What more fitting time than this for retrospection?—what better opportunity than this for memory to recall the varied records made upon the page of time, now filled and complete, and in accordance with the Pythagorean rule to inquire—"

> "Where have our feet found out their way?
> What have we learned where'er we've been?
> From all we've heard, from all we've seen,
> What know we more that's worth the knowing?
> What have we done that's worth the doing?
> What have we sought that we should shun?
> What duty have we left undone?
> Or into what new follies run?"

"The poet saith truly—"

> "'These self inquiries are the road
> That leads to virtue and to God;'"

"And if the retrospect brings to mind errors that we are compelled to regret—losses that we lament and golden opportunities for improvement now gone forever—then let us be instructed by the past, and learn wisdom from its precepts; yea, more, let the light of its lamp flash out and shine brightly as a guide to our feet in the future that is before us."

"With hearts of gratitude to the God of all, who has filled the past with mercies and showered upon us prosperity and peace—has permitted us to leave for a while the different occupations and pursuits in which we are usually engaged, to withdraw for a season from the turmoil around, and here, within the walls of our peaceful sanctuary, to meet in undisturbed retirement as a band of Brothers—let us seriously inquire the purpose that has drawn us from our ordinary avocations and the endearments of home, and invoking the aid and guidance of our Supreme Grand High Priest in all our laudable undertakings, let us enter upon the duties of this convocation and of the coming year, with a full and firm determination to perform them in such a measure as 'may become men,' remembering that 'we live in deeds, not years—in thoughts, not breaths—in feelings, not in figures on a dial. We should count time by heart throbs. He most lives who thinks the most, feels the noblest, acts the best.'"

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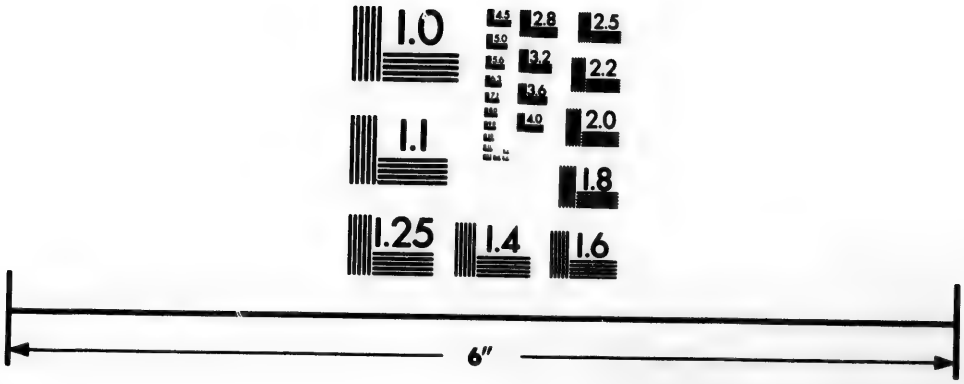

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"Since last we met in solemn conclave, it has pleased the Almighty to permit the dark angel of death to enter our ranks and snatch from among us those who were dearly cherished and much respected, and whom we now deeply lament."

"While we cordially grasp the fraternal hand, we miss those who have from year to year been wont to meet and mingle with us; and as we look around this hall, the vacant seats and broken columns remind us that some are absent whom we shall meet no more until we pass the dark valley of the shadow of death. These sad dispensations of an all-wise Providence, while they remind us that 'death rides on every passing breeze,' also speaks to us in tones that may not be misunderstood—'Be ye also ready.'"

This admirable address concludes with the following choice sentences:—

"With most of us the sun of life is far advanced in the morning watch; with others, it has arrived at 'high twelve;' with a large proportion it is one hour past meridian; and there are others yet around me, on whom age has spread its hoary mantle, upon whose brows are writted in legible lines the footprints of time and care, and whose sun is fast sinking towards the distant west."

"It may be, yea, it is more than probable that some of us will meet in this social retreat no more, and ere the flight of time has marked the close of another masonic year, we shall have gone the way of all the earth, to meet, as we will fondly hope, in that sacred temple above, with those venerable sojourners who have passed the veils before us."

Companions: accept my heartfelt thanks for the confidence reposed in me, the honor bestowed upon me, and the uniform courtesy and kind forbearance exercised toward me; and permit me to express for you the wish, that when your earthly labors are closed, you may be so happy as to hear from the King of Kings, that welcome plaudit—'well done thou good and faithful servant.'"

This Grand Chapter has a charity fund amounting to nine hundred dollars in stock in Banks, with an income to said fund of two hundred and sixty-one dollars and forty-six cents.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reviews briefly but ably the proceedings of twenty-three Grand Chapters of the several States.

Moses Dodge, was re-elected Grand High Priest, and Ira Berry, Grand Secretary.

MICHIGAN.

This Grand Chapter opened its eleventh Annual Convocation on the 9th of January, A.D., 1860, A.I., 2390.

The address of the Grand High Priest, J. C. Coffinberry, although of but local interest, is well written. This eminent Companion closes his eloquent remarks by declining re-election.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence speaks of Canada as follows:—

"The second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Canada was held at London, C.W., February 16th, 1859. A peculiarity in the titles of the principal officers exists in this jurisdiction. They are designated as the Grand Z., Grand H., and Grand J., who are collectively called 'the Grand Principals,' and occupy a 'Throne.' The pamphlet received is mostly devoted to the history and organisation of the Grand Chapter of Canada."

The same committee say, under the head of

"MASONIC ERAS,"

"There appears to be a diversity among the records of the Grand Chapters in the dates of the several masonic eras. By most of them the period of 530 years is added to that of the Christian era, to give the *Annum Inventionis*. By Massachusetts, 533 years are added. By Connecticut and Louisiana, the period of 534 years is added; and this corresponds with general chronology. In Florence we observe a peculiarity. She dates her records from the completion of the first temple, and to obtain the year, adds 1000 years to the Christian era. General chronology assigns, as the time of this event, 1004 years before the advent of Christ. Some dates are given which are evidently mere mistakes. We suggest that a committee be raised to report upon these chronological eras."

The same diversity has been noticed by your Committee on examining the various proceedings, and they would most respectfully make a like suggestion.

Your Committee notice with pleasure the following resolution, adopted by the Grand Chapter of Michigan:—"*Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Grand Chapter, it is the imperative duty of all the subordinate Chapters of this jurisdiction, to hold to a strict account any members who may be guilty of intemperance or profane swearing."

Also, the following preamble and resolution, submitted by Comp. Innes, concerning the Grand Chapter of Canada, and adopted:

"Whereas at our last Grand Convocation, a communication was received from our Excellent Companions in Canada, asking an interchange of fraternal greeting, which communication was referred to a select committee, who reported favorably thereon, and who requested our M. E. G. H. P. to forward a copy of the said report to the Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Canada, under the seal of this Grand Chapter; and whereas, the G.H.P., through the gross negligence of our late Grand Secretary, was unable to perform that pleasing duty; therefore, be it resolved, that the M.E.G.H.P. be, and he is hereby requested to forward to said Grand Z. such

resolution, together with the present action of this Grand Body, and such explanation as to him may seem right and proper."

William P. Innes, was elected G.H.P., and J. Eastman Johnson, Grand Secretary.

MISSOURI.

The proceedings of this Grand Chapter, convened on the 23rd day of May, A.D., 1860, A.I., 2390, are very short.

R. E. Daniel T. Wainwright, Grand King, presided in the absence of M.E. Marius Boyd, G.H.P., who sent a brief written address.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, in enumerating the Chapters from whom proceedings have been received, mentions those of Canada, without however in any way commenting thereon.

A certain communication not fully explained, from publishers of masonic works, had been referred to Grand Officers, who, in their report, make the following valuable remarks :—

"It must be patent to all well-informed Masons, that there are already too many publications of the kind referred to in existence, and we believe that no encouragement should be given to any one in getting up any work of no real benefit to the Order, and which is intended to put money into the pockets of the compilers and publishers."

After which, the following resolution was offered and adopted :

"*Resolved*,—That this Grand Chapter endorses no masonic book, pamphlet, or publication whatever."

The following sums were appropriated by Grand Chapter for charitable purposes :—

"$100 to the widow of Companion A. Patterson ; $150 for tuition and support of the son of late Br. George Knox ; $100 for the use of Mrs. McConnell ; $25 for the use and benefit of widow Jacobs.

J. W. Crane, was elected G.H.P., and E. A. O'Sullivan, Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK.

Grand Chapter convened February 7th, A.D., 1860, A.I., 2390.

Appropriate remarks extracted from the address of G. H. P. James M. Austin :—

"While Freemasonry has been progressing, during the past few years, with unparalleled rapidity, and attained a degree of prosperity which the most sanguine well-wisher could not have imagined or hoped for, have we not reason to fear that a spirit of

radicalism is gaining ground throughout the country, and that a very general desire prevails among the many, to remove and cast aside the landmarks which our fathers have set, and to substitute in their stead the judgments and opinions of their own, whenever and wheresoever those landmarks conflict or interfere with the accomplishment of their own private ends."

"Let us always remember, my Companions, that Freemasonry is necessarily conservative, otherwise it could not long exist. Its principles being founded upon the first Great Light and text-book of Freemasonry, are immutable. What they were at first, they are now, and must ever continue to be. Let no one attempt to substitute, in place thereof, their own inventions. By-laws and local regulations, it is true, may be changed to suit the convenience of particular bodies of Masons, but the Principles and Morals of Freemasonry are unchangable."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, speaking of Canada, say,—

"It is with pleasure your Committee peruse the proceedings of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada, from the first convention in January, 1857, to its convocation at London, Canada West, in February, 1859. Eleven subordinate Chapters are reported, with 393 members. Their proceedings were harmonious, and evince a high interest in capitular masonry. May their future progress be as successful as their present is auspicious."

James M. Austin, re-elected G.H.P., and John O. Cole, Grand Secretary.

NEW JERSEY.

Proceedings submitted are since the formation of Grand Chapter, in A. D. 1856 to A. D. 1860. The Warrant from the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America, is dated January 24th, 1857, and the officers elected December 30th, 1856, were, on the 13th February, 1857, regularly installed.

Your Committee call attention to the appropriate remarks offered by M.E. Geo. A. Tator, in his addresses in 1858 and 1859:

"Permit me also to say to the Companions throughout the jurisdiction, that when they have found officers skilled and competent, they be slow in removing them for the mere sake of change, or the gratification of mere ambition. Rotation in office may answer the necessities of mere politicians, but the words should never be pronounced, nor the idea entertained, within the body of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons."

"Beware, Companions, of innovations in your Ritual. You have a standard, and you should allow no deviation from it. Once

open the door, however slightly, to the admission of change, and uniformity will be forever lost; no labor, however arduous, can restore it. Avert this danger, Companions, by a stern refusal to listen to the syren voice of change; make it your pride to be correct rather than brilliant; and recollect, that as the foundation is firm and well laid, so shall the superstructure be enduring and beautiful."

"Never before has the Masonic institution occupied a loftier position than at the present time; her head rises above the stormy sea of prejudice and passion, shedding her pure and steady light upon the troubled waters. The hand of time, which destroys all things else, has not disturbed one pillar which supports its noble temple, nor even defaced one ornament. The shafts which have been levelled at her pure breast, either by religious bigotry or political tyranny, have recoiled as from a triple shield of brass. She has remained thus permanent because unconnected with any peculiarities of religion or civil polity."

The following kind resolutions concerning the Grand Chapter of Canada were adopted:—

"Whereas the Grand Chapter of the State of New Jersey has heard, with great satisfaction, of the regular formation and organization of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada;—*Resolved*, that we cordially welcome them into the sisterhood of Grand Chapters, and extend to them our fraternal recognition and the right hand of fellowship."

"*Resolved*,—That the usual correspondence and intercourse be opened with the same."

The proceedings of 1860, show a considerable increase in the Grand Chapter of New Jersey, and gives the pleasing assurance of continued prosperity.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence notices Canada by saying,—

"We have received and examined the proceedings of this Grand Body with no little curiosity and interest. There is a marked difference between their proceedings and those of the Grand Chapters throughout the United States. They designate their three principal officers by the letters Z., H., and J., and they claim that this is the ancient custom of the Royal Craft. There are other peculiarities, which indicate that their work has received the stamp of England, Ireland, Scotland and France, rather than of the United States, while, at the same time, there is enough of America in their proceedings to make us feel that we are on the same side of the water with them. We regard the Canadian Grand Chapter as a golden link between the Royal Craft of the Old and that of the New World. While reading her proceedings, we felt that a

British arm was extending an American hand, to grasp in fellowship the Royal Arch fraternity of these United States. Long live the Grand Chapter of Canada as a masonic window, through which the light may pass between the two worlds. We welcome her to our fellowship and correspondence."

T. J. Corson, M.D., is present G.H.P., and J. Woolverton, M.D., Grand Secretary.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The Thirteenth Annual Convocation begun the sixth day of June, A.D., 1859, A.I., 2389; also the Fourteenth, dated the fourth day of June, A.D., 1860, A.I., 2390.

Your Committee perceive nothing in the proceedings of this Grand Chapter to arrest particular attention.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, in a brief report, after giving their reasons for not sooner acknowledging the Grand Chapter of Canada, add:—

"We see no reason for withholding masonic fellowship, and we recommend that this Grand Chapter extend to her a cordial recognition, and welcome her into the ranks of independent Grand Chapters, with a true fraternal greeting. In so doing, we would be acting in unison with the Grand Chapter of Ireland, and with the Grand Chapters of our sister States of Alabama, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, Maine, Mississippi, Missouri, New York, Rhode Island, Texas, Vermont, Kentucky, and others."

Your Committee join the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, in rejoicing at the opportunity afforded them of bearing witness to the conciliatory and fraternal spirit which breathes so exclusively through every page of the very interesting documents claiming their attention; moderation even in exciting discussion being a remarkably predominant feature.

E. J. Watson, re-elected G. H. P., and Thomas B. Carr, Grand Secretary.

OHIO.

The proceedings of the forty-fifth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter begun October 12th, A. D., 1860, A. I., 2390, are most interesting, and show the Royal Craft in that State to be in a most flourishing condition, and the Companions taking part in the proceedings well-informed. The report of the Grand Treasurer shows an overflowing treasury—the balance on hand is considerably over $4000, after paying all yearly expenses.

A rule was proposed that it shall be unlawful for a subordinate Chapter to exalt to the degree of Royal Arch Mason, more, or less than three, candidates at the same time, and declaring that the substitution of Royal Arch Masons to make up the necessary number be violative of the law. The vote by yeas and nays resulted in—ayes, 120, nays, 67. The vote not being two-thirds, the rule was not adopted; and at a later stage of the proceedings, the following more moderate resolution was carried :—"That it is the opinion of this Grand Chapter, that the practice of substituting Royal Arch Masons to make up the necessary number for exaltation, is contrary to the teachings and obligations of Royal Arch Masonry."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, in speaking of Missouri, and action taken concerning masonic publications, as hereinbefore mentioned, agree that a just rebuke was then and there given to those publishers who attempt to use Grand Chapters in getting up such publications.

They review the proceedings of your Grand Chapter, alluding principally to the differences in existence as to names of officers and masonic jurisprudence, and express their regret that a Chapter on the registry of Scotland exalts candidates in a spirit of rivalry. The report is particularly well written, and reviews in a manner, as candid as it is able, the proceedings of twenty-one Grand Chapters.

Harvey Vinal, was elected G.H.P., and John D. Caldwell, Grand Secretary.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Annual Convocation commenced February 14th, A. D., 1860, A.I., 2390.

The address of the Grand High Priest, delivered by that eminent Companion Albert G. Mackey, congratulates the Companions on the continued prosperity of this exalted branch of the Order in their jurisdiction; and, in referring to the condition of the Order, adds: "that whether looking to the number of the Chapters, the intelligence and character of their members, or to their just adaptation to the wants of the surrounding Lodges, Royal Arch Masonry has never been, in South Carolina, in a more prosperous condition than it is now."

No report from Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

A. G. Mackey, was re-elected Grand High Priest, and Ebenezer Thayer, Grand Secretary.

TEXAS.

The eleventh Annual Convocation begun June 22nd, 1860, in proceedings dated A. I., 2394.

M. E. Andrew Neill, G.H.P., in his address, remarks, that the state of the Order is in a highly satisfactory condition; not advancing with rapid strides by increase of numbers, but gradually pressing forward in the practice of the precepts taught by the Order. He remarks concerning the granting of Warrants to Chapters under Dispensation :—

"It is for you now to scrutinize their work and returns, requiring a strict compliance with the constitution and your edicts, and in no case to grant a charter except by a fulfilment of every duty. In this way we may expect to attain a greater perfection and save years of labor hereafter. No truer maxim can be applied to the case than 'that a thing well begun is half done.'"

The following recommendation is contained in the same address :

"I have recommended the Chapters to avoid as far as possible the encouragement of receiving petitions for the Chapter degrees from non-affiliated Masons; but as the matter has been heretofore recommended to your notice by my predecessor, and no definite rule made on the subject, I could not pretend to enforce such an edict. The reasons, I conceive, are very strong in favor of such a rule, and I hope it will soon be engrafted on our regulations. I am of opinion that but few are truly worthy who fail to support and maintain, by membership, the Lodge of their jurisdiction; and I cannot imagine a sound reason which could be given by any one for advancement into the Chapter, whilst their duties are neglected in the lower degrees."

Companion Wm. M. Taylor, from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, regrets that their report must be necessarily very meagre, having only received the proceedings of five Grand Chapters. Short as the report is, however, it is none the less an able review.

William T. Austin, was elected G. H. P., and A. S. Ruthven, Grand Secretary.

VIRGINIA.

Proceedings of two Annual Convocations, commenced December 15th, A. D., 1859, A. I., 2389, and December 13th, A. D., 1860, A.I., 2390. Both short. No address from Grand High Priest.

The Grand Secretary reports the receipt of proceedings of twenty-five Grand Chapters, including Canada, and after enumerating the names of the various Grand Chapters, their Grand High Priests and Grand Secretaries, he adds :—

"Amongst these we are highly gratified to receive the proceedings of a convention to form a Grand Royal Arch Chapter

for Canada, and the subsequent proceedings of the Grand Chapter thus organised under the auspices of M. E. Thomas Douglas Harington, of Toronto, Grand Z., and Thomas Bird Harris, Grand Secretary. We extend to them a cordial greeting, and wish them all the success which cannot fail to attach to such skilful, zealous, and working officers. We would venture, in all kindness and brotherly love, to suggest, that as all the Grand Chapters of the United States use the Ritual founded upon the incidents of the rebuilding of the temple in 3470, and as the symbolism and philosophy of the degree is the same, they either engraft it on their work or substitute it for a degree founded on incidents which occurred during the reign of Josiah, and while the first temple was standing."

Powhattan B. Starke, was re-elected G.H.P., and John Dove, Grand Secretary.

WISCONSIN.

Tenth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter convened February 1st, A.D., 1860, A.I., 2390.

A very interesting address was delivered by the Grand High Priest, although but of local interest.

A very able review was reported by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, who recommend the adoption of a resolution recognising the Grand Chapter of Canada, and tendering the fraternal sympathies and co-operation of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin, which recommendation was afterwards, on motion of Companion Cothren, unanimously adopted.

Erastus Lewis, was elected Grand High Priest, and William T. Palmer, Grand Secretary.

Your Committee, in giving the various decisions in masonic jurisprudence, did not deem it their province, nor did they presume to give their own opinions thereon, but have brought prominently forward such points only as they considered worthy the consideration and decision of a Committee or masonic jurisprudence of your Grand Body.

Your Committee now bring their Report to a close, with the assurance that they have spared neither time nor labor to render the same as useful as possible, and they will consider themselves amply rewarded if they have succeeded in rendering even the very slightest service to the Craft in Canada.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

J. C. FRANCK, *Chairman.*

Grand R. A. Chapter of Canada,
February 20th, A.D., 1861, A.I., 2391.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was received and ordered to be printed with the proceedings of Grand Chapter.

The Grand Scribe E. submitted a petition signed by the requisite number of Royal Arch Masons, praying for a warrant of Constitution to enable them to erect a new Chapter in the City of Montreal, to be named " Caernarvon " Chapter.

The petition was on motion received.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. W. B. Simpson, seconded by R. E. Comp. E. Heathfield and adopted,—

That the prayer of the petitioners for a new "Caernarvon" Chapter, to be opened in the City of Montreal, be granted, and that the Grand Scribe E. be instructed to prepare and forward the same at the earliest date.

The Grand Council informed Grand Chapter, that the election of Officers for the ensuing year would take place on to-morrow, Thursday, at noon.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment, to meet at 9.30 o'clock, A.M., to-morrow.

THURSDAY, 21st February, 1861.

The Grand Chapter resumed its sittings at 11.30 o'clock, A.M.

The Grand Principals on the Throne.

Officers and Representatives.

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the Address from the M.E. Z., submitted the following

REPORT:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the Address of the M.E. Z., begs most respectfully to report,—

That it joins in the congratulations of the M. E. Z., on the steady and satisfactory progress of our Order, and it is pleased to

note the granting of Dispensations for two new Chapters, viz: "Mount Moriah," at St. Catharines, and "Mount Horeb," at Brantford, and recommend their confirmation.

The appointment of E. Comp. Wm. Hay, as the Representative of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, at the Grand Chapter of Canada, is hailed by your Committee with great satisfaction and it recommends the confirmation thereof. It having been intimated that E. Comp. A. J. Stewart, would be acceptable at the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, as the Representative of the Grand Chapter of Canada, his appointment is also recommended.

Your Committee notice with regret, that the Supreme Grand Chapter of England has granted a Warrant for the establishment of a Royal Arch Chapter at the City of Ottawa, and that, although —before the same was submitted to that Grand Chapter—a question had very naturally arisen how far such action could be taken without infringing on the rights of this Grand Chapter. It is the opinion of your Committeee, that the Supreme Grand Chapter of England—before committing itself to such a policy—should not have referred the same to the three Grand Principals, and should not have decided such a question without first ascertaining the views of your Grand Body; nay, more, your Committee consider that the Supreme Grand Chapter of England should have deemed it proper and fraternal to advise this Grand Chapter of the steps proposed to be taken, with the reasons therefor and the law applicable thereto, so that this Grand Chapter would have obtained, by official communication, what is now laid before it in the form of an extract from a semi-official Masonic Magazine.

It also appears that, before the motion for granting the Warrant was adopted, some motives were placed upon record; but no motive can annul a compact entered into between two Supreme Bodies, as set forth in the official letter of the Grand Scribe E., of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, to the M.E.Z., of this Grand Chapter, dated the 10th day of February, 1860, in the following words:—"I am instructed to state, that in the name and on behalf of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, they, the Grand Principals, fully recognise the Grand Chapter of Canada; reserving, however, to all Chapters *now* in Canada, who are still holding Charters under the Grand Chapter of England, all their rights and privileges." Then, at the time of recognition, and then only, should the Supreme Grand Chapter of England have stipulated for such further rights as by their showing they now lay claim to; first, upon the assumption that it is the privilege of a Craft Lodge to demand, as of right, a Charter from the Supreme Grand Chapter, under the same jurisdiction as the Grand Lodge from which its Charter is derived, and which assumption cannot certainly be

sustained, or the prerogative of the Supreme Grand Chapter, to grant or refuse Warrants, would at once fall to the ground; but second, upon a treaty entered into between the Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Lodge of Canada, that the privileges appertaining to subordinate Lodges working under Warrants from the Grand Lodge of England, in Canada, should be secured.

Your Committee hold that a Craft Lodge cannot claim any privileges but those given in its Charter, which certainly contains nothing about the right of receiving or conferring the Royal Arch degree; and even that did such privilege exist, the action of the Grand Lodge of Canada could have no effect upon this Grand Chapter, which holds its existence of itself alone, has been so recognised by the Supreme Grand Chapter of England as totally distinct from that of the Grand Lodge, and without any reference being made thereto.

Your Committee is pleased to learn, that the M.E.Z. of this Grand Chapter has given no countenance to this new Chapter, so unjustly erected within this jurisdiction by the Grand Chapter of England; and however unpleasant the task, it feels it to be a bounden duty, for the preservation of the rights of this Grand Body in its fullest integrity, to recommend that this Grand Chapter do not recognise the issue of a Chapter Warrant by the G. C. of E. to Dalhousie Lodge, No. 835. E.R., as regular or constitutional; and that the subordinate Chapters under this jurisdiction be required neither to hold communion nor give countenance to any Companions hailing from the said Chapter; and that the action taken by this Grand Chapter in this matter, be communicated by the Grand Scribe E., to the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, in such terms as the Grand Z. may suggest.

Your Committee doubt not that the good wishes expressed by the M.E.Z. for this Grand Chapter, are most cordially and sincerely reciprocated.

All which is most respectfully submitted.

J. C. FRANCK,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. S. D. Fowler, seconded by R.E. Comp. W. B. Simpson, and unanimously adopted:—

That the Report from the Special Committee on the M. E. Z.'s Address, be received and adopted.

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the Reports from the Grand Superintendents from the various Districts, submitted the following

REPORT.

BELLEVILLE, C.W., 21st February, 1861.

To the M. E. Council and Companions of the Grand Chapter.

Your Committee begs most respectfully to report, that it is much pleased to find, from the Report of the Grand Superintendent for the Eastern Townships District, that "Golden Rule" Chapter is in such a prosperous condition; as also, that the "Bedford District" Chapter, at Dunham, and the "Dorchester" Chapter, at St. John's, are in a very fair stage of progression; and your Committee is very much satisfied at learning, that there is a strong tendency for working these several Chapters in accordance with the Ritual adopted by Grand Chapter; and it has no hesitation in stating, that under the able guidance of so worthy a Companion, that the latter named Chapter, over which he has been appointed to preside as 1st Principal Z., must succeed.

The Report of the Grand Superintendent for the Hamilton District, mentions that two Dispensations for new Chapters, during the past year, have been issued, the confirmation of which is recommended to your Grand Body. The action taken by the Grand Superintendent, regarding the double application for Chapters at Brantford, meets the entire concurrence of your Committee; and it is further recommended, that that portion of the Report which speaks of an amendment to the Constitution, be referred to the proper Committee.

The next Report before your Committee is from the Grand Superintendent of the London District, which exhibits capitular masonry in a flourishing condition. The remarks made by this eminent Companion, concerning the veils, are of the utmost importance; and to expedite the action of your Grand Body, when the notice of motion therein given comes up for discussion, your Committee recommend that a Committee on Constitution and Regulations be now appointed to take this matter into consideration, and to be prepared to report thereon at the next Annual Convocation.

The concluding Report under consideration, is from the Grand Superintendent of the Central District, which shows Royal Arch Masonry to be in a very progressive state and highly satisfactory; and your Committee have no doubt that, so long as the District is presided over by such worthy Companions, the Grand Chapter will at all times be presented with satisfactory reports.

Your Committee is likewise pleased to notice the number of Chapters in the Central District are likely to be increased, and fully concur in the remarks of the R.E. Companion, that "slow and sure" is the better course to be adopted; that a few Chapters well

managed in any District, is a source of much more pleasure to Grand Chapter than many in number in a state of non-progression and badly reported on.

All of which is most humbly submitted, with the hope that Grand Chapter will, from the short space of time allotted for considering the various topics brought under its notice, be pleased to accept with every due allowance.

GEORGE F. LASERRE.
THOS. J. ANGEL.
EDWIN HEATHFIELD.

On the motion of E. Comp. David Curtis, seconded by E.Comp. Manuel Northrup,—

The Report from the Special Committee on the Reports of the Grand Superintendents of Districts, was received and adopted.

The Grand Scribe E., submitted the following statement of monies received during the past year:—

Thomas B. Harris, Grand Scribe E., in Account with Grand Chapter.

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1860.					
Feb. 16.	To	cash from	Carleton	Chapter, No. 16, [Dispensation]	$ 40 00
"	"	"	Wawanosh	do. No. 15	12 00
March 8.	"	"	"	do. "	10 00
June 12.	"	"	King Solomon's	do. No. 8	3 00
Aug. 22.	"	"	Golden Rule	do. No. 9	19 00
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Jan. 8.	"	"	The Hiram	do. No. 2	24 00
"	"	"	St. George's	do. No. 5	9 00
" 25	"	"	Mount Horeb	do. [Dispensation]	40 00
Feb. 14.	"	"	Mount Moriah	do. "	40 00
"	"	"	Golden Rule	do. No. 9	2 00
" 15	"	"	St. John's	do. No. 6	81 00
"	"	"	Wawanosh	do.No.15	3 00
" 18	"	"	Anc't Frontenac	do. No.1	49 00
	"	"	Moira	do. No. 7	63 00
	"	"	Cataraqui	do. No. 12	12 00
	"	"	Oxford	do. No.18 [Warrant]	50 00
	"	"	Caernarvon,	do. [Warrant]	50 00
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1860.			
Feb. 8.	By balance due G. S., E.		$ 44 58
23.	" Gillespy & Robertson, pr. order G.C.(see vouch.)	78 50	
	" Telegraphs and expenses	19 83	
	" G. S., E., salary to Annual Convocation, 1860	300 00	
			398 33
	" Balance		64 09
			$507 00
	To balance on hand		$64 09

The Committee appointed on Finance and Audit, submitted the following

REPORT:

To the Most Excellent Council.

Your Committee on Audit and Finance, having examined the Books and Accounts of the G.S. E., begs leave to report that the same are found to be correct.

Your Committee likewise submit the following statement of the liabilities of Grand Chapter:—

Dr.

To Gillespy & Robertson, for Printing, &c.		$108 00
" F. Richardson, for Jewels and Collars, &c.		240 00
" John Ellis, engraving Plate for Certificates		160 00
" Engrossing Warrants, estimated		50 00
		$558 00

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By Cash on hand	$ 64 09	
" Amounts due by Subordinate Chapters, for Dues	533 50	
		$597 59

When these amounts are paid, it will leave a balance on hand of $39·59.

Your Committee regret to see so many of the Subordinate Chapters in arrears with their dues—in one instance, no less a sum than $172 being owed this Grand Chapter—and recommend that some action be taken by this Grand Chapter to compel payments of all arrears so due.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. H. PARKER.
F. MILO.
L. H. HENDERSON.

On the motion of R. E. Comp. A. A. Campbell, seconded by R. E. Comp. E. Heathfield, the Report from the Committee on Finance and Audit was received and adopted.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. J. C. Franck, seconded by R.E. Comp. A. A. Campbell, and unanimously adopted,—

That the next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter be holden at the City of London.

R. E. Comp. W. B. Simpson gave notice, that he would move an amendment to the Constitution, to alter the time of meeting of Grand Chapter.

On motion of R. E. Comp. E. Heathfield, seconded by R. E. Comp. W. B. Simpson, and adopted,—

That Warrants of Constitution be granted to the "Mount Moriah" and "Mount Horeb" Chapters, under Dispensation; and that the Grand Scribe E. be authorised to prepare and issue the same without delay.

The M. E. Council appointed Companions Donald Moodie and E. J. Sisson, scrutineers.

The hour having arrived for the election of officers for the ensuing Masonic year, the ballot was passed, and the following Companions declared duly elected :—

R. E. Comp.	John Charles Franck,	Grand	Z.
" " "	Edwin Heathfield,	"	H.
" " "	William B. Simpson,	"	J.
" " "	T. B. Harris, re-elected	"	Scribe E.
" " "	George W. Whitehead,	"	" N.
" " "	Thos. J. Angel,	"	Principal Sojourner.
" " "	David Curtis, Jun.,	"	Treasurer.
" " "	L. H. Henderson,	"	Registrar.
"	Thomas McMullin,	"	Janitor.

Nominated by the Chapters of their respective Districts as Grand Superintendents, and approved by the M. E. Z.

M. E. Comp.	Thompson Wilson,	G. Supt.	London	District.
R. " "	Thomas Duggan,	"	Hamilton	"
" " "	Francis Richardson	"	Toronto	"
" " "	George F. La Serre,	"	Central	"
" " "	H. L. Robinson	"	Eastern Townships	"

The elected Grand Officers present were installed, invested and proclaimed, in accordance with ancient custom.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment, to to meet at two o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Chapter resumed its sittings at 2·30, o'clock, P. M.

M. E. Comp. John C. Franck, Grand Z.
R. E. " Edwin Heathfield, " H.
" " " W. B. Simpson, " J.
On the Throne.

Officers and representatives.

The M. E. Z. was pleased to make the following appointments :

V. E. Comp.	E. J. Sisson,	Grand 1st Assistant Sojourner.	
" " "	Oliver Gable,	" 2nd " "	
" " "	Thomas McCraken,	Grand Sword Bearer.	
" " "	Manuel Northrup,	" Standard Bearer.	
" " "	Donald Moodie,	" Director of Ceremonies.	
" " "	Alex. M. Munro,	" Organist.	
" " "	James M. Rogerson	" Pursuivant.	
" " "	James Seymour,	" Stewards.	
" " "	George En Earl,	" Stewards.	
" " "	E. H. Parker,	" Stewards.	
" " "	G. T. Morehouse,	" Stewards.	

It was moved by R. E. Comp. A. A. Campbell, seconded by V. E. Comp. W. H. Ponton, and unanimously adopted,—

That the sum of $300 be granted from the funds of Grand Chapter, to the Grand Scribe E. for his services during the past year.

R. E. Comp. W. B. Simpson, gave the following notices of motion :—

That the annual fee, payable to the funds of Grand Chapter for each member on the Register of Subordinate Chapters, be 12½ cents, ; also,

To reconsider that portion of the Constitution referring to the balloting for candidates and the forms of application.

The M.E. Z. appointed the following Companions a Standing Committee on Constitution and Regulations, viz :—R. E. Comp. W. C. Stephens, Thomas B. Harris, and S. B. Harman.

The appointed Officers present were invested by the M. E. Z., with the collar and jewel of their office, and were proclaimed with the usual formalities.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment, to be present at an entertainment to be given under its patronage, and to meet on to-morrow, Friday, at 3, o'clock, P.M.

FRIDAY, 22nd February, 1861.

The Grand Chapter resumed its sittings at 3 o'clock, P.M.

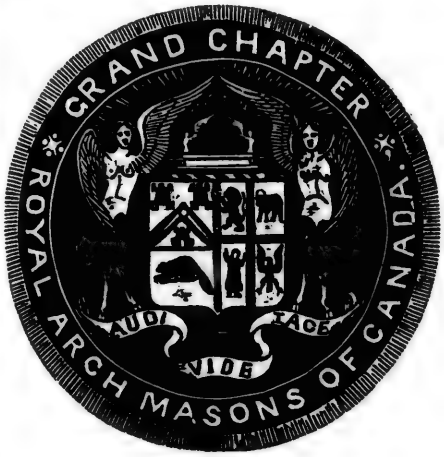
The Grand Principals on the Throne.

Officers and Representatives.

It was moved by R.E. Comp. Harris, seconded by R. E. Comp. Thomas Duggan, and unanimously

Resolved,—That the thanks of this Grand Chapter are due and are hereby tendered to the Officers and Companions of Moira Chapter, No. 7, Belleville, for the hospitality extended to the Representatives from a distance, and for the kind manner in which they contributed towards their comfort during the Convocation.

The labors of Grand Chapter being ended, it was closed in Ample form.



[ATTEST.]

Thos. B. Harris

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SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS,

RENDERED 31ST JANUARY, 1861.

No. 1.—ANCIENT FRONTENAC CHAPTER, KINGSTON.

ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1797.

Stated Meeting—third Tuesday in every month.

OFFICERS.

R. E.	Comp.	George F. La Serre,	Z
"	"	John Robb,	H
V. "	"	Edward H. Parker,	J
	"	Chas D. Macdonnell, Scribe	E

Number of Members.....54.

No. 2.—THE HIRAM CHAPTER, HAMILTON.

ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1820.

Stated Meeting—first Monday of every month.

OFFICERS.

R. E.	Comp.	William Bellhouse,	Z
V. E.	"	James M. Rogerson,	H
"	"	William Irwin,	J
	"	John S. Henderson, Scribe	E

Number of Members.....71.

No. 3.—ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, LONDON.

ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1844.

Stated Meeting—third Friday of every month.

OFFICERS.

E.	Comp.	James Moffatt,	Z
"	"	Alexander S. Abbott,	H
"	"	William Gordon,	J
	"	John Barry, Scribe	E

Number of Members.....43.

No. 4.—ST. ANDREW'S CHAPTER, TORONTO.

ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1847.

Stated Meeting—third Wednesday in Jan., April, July and Oct.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp. F. Richardson, Z
V. " " William R. Harris, H
" " W. G. Storm, J
" H. P. Brumell, Scribe E

Number of Members .....110.

No. 5.—ST. GEORGE'S CHAPTER, LONDON.

ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1854.

Stated Meeting—fourth Friday in Feb., May, August and Sept.

OFFICERS.

M. E. Comp. Thompson Wilson, Z
" " James M. Bennett, H
" " P. J. Dunn, J
" A. G. Smith, Scribe E

Number of Members .....26.

No. 6.—ST JOHN'S CHAPTER, HAMILTON.

ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1855.

Stated Meeting—second Thursday of every month.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp. Thos. B. Harris, Z
V. " " M. F. Shaler, H
" " " Thomas McCraken, J
" Thos. C. Macnabb, Scribe E

Number of Members.....42.

No. 7.—MOIRA CHAPTER, BELLEVILLE.

ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1856.

Stated Meeting—first Tuesday of every month.

OFFICERS.

M. E. Comp. John C. Franck, Z
H
R. " " L. H. Henderson, J
" John A. Macinness, Scribe E

Number of Members.....47.

No. 8.—KING SOLOMON'S CHAPTER, TORONTO.

ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1857.

Stated Meeting—first Friday of every month.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp. Kivas Tully,		Z
V. " " A. M. Munro,		H
" " " Oliver Gable,		J
" " " Daniel Spry,	Scribe	E

Number of Members.....71.

No. 9.—GOLDEN RULE CHAPTER, STANSTEAD.

ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1858.

Stated Meeting—Tuesday on or before full moon, in March, June, September and December.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp. Elisha Gustin,		Z
" " W. B. Colby,		H
" " L. R. Robinson,		J
" C. H. Kathan,	Scribe	E

Number of Members.....23.

No. 10.—KILWINNING CHAPTER, LONDON.

ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1858.

Stated Meeting—first Monday in February, May, Aug., and Nov.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp. William Daniel,		Z } No Ret'n.
		H }
		J }
" W. G. Chambers,	Scribe	E }

Number of Members.....20.

No. 11.—WILSON CHAPTER, WINDSOR.

ESTABLISHED, A.D., 1859.

Stated Meeting—first Monday of every month.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp. W. J. Spicer,		Z } No Ret'n.
" " Thomas Boddy,		H }
" " Edwin Watson,		J }

No. 12.—CATARAQUI CHAPTER, KINGSTON.

ESTABLISHED, A.D., 1850.—AFFILIATED, 1859.

Stated Meeting—second Monday in February, May, August and November.

OFFICERS.

E. Comp.	Francis Milo,		Z
V. " "	Edward J. Barker,		H
" "	Henry Dumble,		J
"	T. Summerville,	Scribe	E

Number of Members.....18.

No. 13.—STADACONA CHAPTER, QUEBEC.

ESTABLISHED, A.D., 1854. AFFILIATED, 1859.

Stated Meeting—second Thursday in Jan., April, July and October.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp.	Richard Pope,		Z
" "	Alexander Duncan,		H
" "	Thomas Lambert,		J
"	James Hay,	Scribe	E

Number of Members.....52.

No. 14.—BEDFORD DISTRICT CHAPTER, DUNHAM.

ESTABLISHED, A.D., 1859.

Stated Meeting—Tuesday preceding full moon of every month.

OFFICERS.

E. Comp.	David Brown,	Z	No Ret'n.
" "	Rev. Joseph Scott,	H	
" "	William M. Pattison,	J	

Number of Members.....12.

No. 15.—WAWANOSH CHAPTER, SARNIA.

ESTABLISHED,—A.D., 1859.

Stated Meeting—second Friday in Jan'y. April, July and Oct.

OFFICERS.

V. E. Comp.	George Masson,		Z
" "	William P. Vidal,		H
" "	William Burness,		J
"	H. D. Stewart,	Scribe	E

Number of Members.....17.

No. 16.—CARLETON CHAPTER, OTTAWA.

ESTABLISHED,—A.D., 1859.

Stated Meeting—second Wednesday in March, June, Sept, and Dec.

OFFICERS.

V. E.	Comp.	Manuel Northrup,	Z
"	"	James Wilson,	H
"	"	James Salmon,	J
	"	Donald M. Grant, Scribe	E

Number of Members.....39.

No. 17.—DORCHESTER CHAPTER, ST. JOHNS'.

ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1860.

Stated Meeting—first Thursday of every month.

OFFICERS.

R. E.	Comp.	H. L. Robinson,	Z
"	"	J. M. Clarke,	H
"	"	M. Mitchell,	J
	"	A. K. Laviscount, Scribe	E

Number of Members.....19.

No. 18.—OXFORD CHAPTER, WOODSTOCK.

ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1860.

Stated Meeting—first Friday of every month.

OFFICERS.

R. E.	Comp.	George W. Whitehead,	Z
"	"	R. A. Woodcock,	H
"	"	Burton Bennett,	J

Number of Members.....17.

No. 19.—MOUNT MORIAH CHAPTER, ST. CATHARINES.

ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1861.

OFFICERS.

V. E.	Comp.	James Seymour,	Z
"	"	Edwin Goodman,	H
"	"	Charles Peters Camp,	J
	"	Theophilus Mack, Scribe	E

No. 20.—MOUNT HOREB CHAPTER, BRANTFORD.

ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1861.

OFFICERS.

V. E. Comp.	David Curtis, Jun.	Z
" "	Arunah Huntington,	H
" "	Edward R. Sullivan,	J

No. 21.—CAERNARVON CHAPTER, MONTREAL.

ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1861.

Stated Meetings—third Thursday in Feb., May, Aug., and Nov.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp.	A. Bernard,	Z
" "	John Helder Isaacson,	H
" "	Lawrence L. Levey,	J

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER.

1861–2.

M. E. Comp.	John Charles Franck,	Grand Z.
R. " "	Edwin Heathfield,	" H.
" " "	William B. Simpson,	" J.
" " "	Thomas Bird Harris,	" Scribe E.
" " "	George W. Whitehead,	" " N.
" " "	Thomas J. Angel,	" Principal Sojourner.
" " "	David Curtis, Jun'r	" Treasurer.
" " "	L. H. Henderson,	" Registrar.
V. " "	E. J. Sisson,	" First Ass't. Sojourner.
" " "	Oliver Gable,	" Second " "
" " "	Thomas McCraken,	" Sword Bearer.
" " "	Manuel Northrup,	" Standard Bearer.
" " "	Donald Moodie,	" Dir. of Ceremonies.
" " "	Alex. M. Munro,	" Organist.
" " "	James M. Rogerson,	" Pursuivant.
" " "	James Seymonr,	" Stewards.
" " "	Geo. En Earl,	
" " "	E. H. Parker,	
" " "	G. T. Morehouse,	
"	Thos. C. Mullin,	" Janitor.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS OF DISTRICTS.

M. E. Comp.	Thompson Wilson,	*London District.*
R. " "	Thomas Duggan,	*Hamilton* "
" " "	Francis Richardson,	*Toronto* "
" " "	George F. La Serre,	*Central* "

LIST OF GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS,

WITH THE

NAMES AND RESIDENCES OF GRAND SCRIBES, E.

England	Wm. Grey Clarke	London.
Scotland	L. Mackersy	Edinburgh.
Ireland	Hon. Geo. Handcock	Dublin.
Alabama	Daniel Sayre	Montgomery.
Arkansas	James W. Finley	Little Rock.
California	L. C. Owens	San Francisco.
Canada	Thos. B. Harris	Hamilton.
Connecticut	E. G. Storer	New Haven.
Florida	John B. Taylor	Tallahassee.
Georgia	B. B. Russell	Augusta.
Indiana	Francis King	Indianapolis.
Illinois	H. G. Reynolds	Springfield.
Iowa	W. B. Langridge	Muscatine.
Kentucky	P. Swigert	Frankfort.
Louisiana	Samuel G. Risk	New Orleans.
Maine	Ira Berry	Portland.
Maryland	A. Morris Smith	Washington.
Massachusetts	Thos. Waterman	Boston.
Michigan	J. Eastman Johnson	White Pigeon.
Minnesota	A. T. C. Pierson	St. Paul's.
Mississippi	R. W. T. Daniel	Jackson.
Missouri	A. O'Sullivan	St. Louis.
New Hampshire	Horace Chase	Hopkinton.
New York	J. O. Cole	Albany.
New Jersey	J. Woolverton	Trenton.
North Carolina	Thomas B. Carr	Wilmington.
Ohio	John D. Caldwell	Cincinnati.
Pennsylvania	Wm. H. Adams	Philadelphia.
Rhode Island	Samuel B. Swan	Providence.
South Carolina	E. Thayer	Charleston.
Tennessee	C. A. Fuller	Nashville.
Texas	A. S. Ruthven	Galveston.
Vermont	John B. Hollenbeck	Burlington.
Virginia	John Dove	Richmond.
Wisconsin	W. T. Palmer	Milwaukee.

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